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Five African states back Nkomo group in Rhodesia

The Rhodesian Patriotic Front, headed by Mr Robert Mugabe and Mr Joshua Nkomo, has received the backing of the five African "front line" states. Their declaration of support at the end of a two-day summit meeting in Lusaka, will almost certainly make more difficult the task of Mr Ivor Richard, chairman of the Geneva conference on Rhodesia.

Declaration a setback for Mr Richard

From Nicholas Ashford
Lusaka, Jan 9

Leaders of the five African "front line" states meeting here today declared their full and unqualified support for the Rhodesian Patriotic Front, the coalition formed by Mr Robert Mugabe's faction of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), which controls the guerrilla forces in Rhodesia, and Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu).

In so doing they appear to have written off the other two nationalist groups headed by Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, which were also present at the Geneva settlement talks on Rhodesia.

Today's declaration at the end of a two-day summit meeting, is almost certain to make more difficult the task of Mr Ivor Richard, chairman of the Geneva conference who is due to leave Nairobi tomorrow for Lusaka and who is seeking ways of reactivating the settlement talks.

The Patriotic Front has adopted the most militant and uncompromising stand of all the delegations at Geneva and it is hard to see Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, coming to terms with its proposals for an interim government.

Mr Richard is due to have talks in Lusaka tomorrow with Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo before flying to Dar es Salaam and then back to South Africa for a second meeting with Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, later this week. Tomorrow's meeting is likely to be crucial to the success or failure of Mr Richard's mission.

President Nyerere of Tanzania, who chaired the weekend meeting, made it clear at a press conference this afternoon that the "front line" states would support fully the stance adopted by the Patriotic Front.

In a statement after the meeting ended President Nyerere said that the representatives of Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia had "decided to give all political, material and diplomatic support to the Patriotic Front to enable the Front to achieve its objectives in the struggle in Zimbabwe".

However, he did give a guarded indication that the guerrilla war in Rhodesia would be brought to an end once there was a genuine move towards majority rule.

But the President was noncommittal about the front-line leaders' attitude towards the proposals which Mr Richard has been putting forward during his southern African tour. Asked whether Mr Richard could "take comfort" as a result of their deliberations, he replied, laughing: "If he does then we will be very happy."

The weekend meeting was attended by President Machel of Mozambique, President Kaunda of Zambia, Dr Quett Masire, Vice-President of Botswana, and Angola's roving ambassador, Mr Pasco Luvuala.

Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo were also present at this morning's session. The front-line leaders did not see Mr Sithole or Mr James Chikerema, who was representing Bishop Muzorewa.

It remains to be seen whether the gap can be bridged between the proposals for an interim government which Mr Richard has been canvassing round southern Africa and the position adopted by the Patriotic Front in Geneva.

Mr Nkomo, who welcomed today's declaration of support by the front-line states, said this evening that the Front's position was not negotiable, "but we are prepared to listen to other people's ideas".

The Patriotic Front is proposing a 25-man council of ministers to rule the country during the interim period, of whom four-fifths would be members of "the liberation movement". It supports the idea of a British resident commissioner during the transitional stage.

However, on the all-important question of law and order and defence, the Front has made it clear that these must be in African hands.

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Lord Avon flown home from US seriously ill

By Robert Parker

Lord Avon, the former Prime Minister, was seriously ill at his country home in Wiltshire yesterday evening after being flown from the United States with his wife in an RAF VC 10 aircraft.

He was seen by two doctors at his home, Manor House, Alvediston, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, after arriving there from RAF Lyneham. At 4.30 pm his private secretary, on behalf of the doctors, issued the following statement:

"Lord Avon's health has deteriorated rapidly in recent days due to progressing liver failure. Therefore, in conformity with his wishes, it was decided to bring him back to England. He is being cared for at his home in Wiltshire."

The secretary said she was unable to give any further information.

Dr Richard Bayliss, one of the two doctors, said that Lord Avon, who is 79, was still conscious and "very happy to be back home". The other doctor with Lord Avon is Dr Christopher Brown.

Lord and Lady Avon had been in Florida on holiday. On Saturday the Prime Minister received a telephone call from the Avon family, and he then arranged for the RAF to bring Lord Avon home.

A statement from 10 Downing Street said: "Lord Avon was taken ill in Florida. His family called the Prime Minister and Mr Callaghan called the RAF and ordered them to bring him home." The decision to send an RAF aircraft was taken mainly because of Lord Avon's serious condition, although a baggage handlers' strike at Heathrow Airport had in any case caused the cancellation of yesterday's scheduled flight from Miami to London.

The VC 10 aircraft, which had a medical team on board, arrived after an eight-hour flight at RAF Lyneham at 10.11 am. Lord Avon was transferred to an ambulance and driven under police escort to his home 47 miles away. The journey took two hours. Following his ambulance was another, believed to be carrying members of the medical team.

During the journey across Salisbury Plain and along country roads, the vehicles slowed to a crawl on rough surfaces and around sharp bends.

As Lord Avon was carried on a stretcher from the ambulance into his house in heavy rain, nurses and medical attendants stood by.

Lord Avon was, as Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister from April, 1955, to January, 1957, a period which included the Suez crisis. He also served as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for a total of 14 years. His arrival back in Britain yesterday was 20 years to the day after his resignation as Prime Minister on health grounds.

In 1957 he had a serious operation for a bile duct obstruction. His health has been poor for some time. He had told his family that if his life became in danger he wanted to return to Britain.

Signs of police state as censorship is clamped on Lebanon

From Robert Fisk
Nicosia, Jan 9

Less than three months after the end of its terrible civil war, Lebanon, once the freest and most liberal country in the Arab world, is taking on the appearance of a police state.

Every newspaper and magazine is heavily censored and the population lives largely in ignorance of the shootings and killings that are still going on in their country.

Left-wing politicians and their supporters say privately that they fear the authorities may soon imprison any political opposition. The public voice of the Palestinians, which for more than a quarter of a century was heard freely in Beirut, has been effectively and totally silenced by the Government within the last three days.

At least one street execution by Syrians has been reported in the Lebanese capital, while only yesterday more than 100 Lebanese soldiers, enraged at the kidnap and murder of three leading Muslims, staged a mutiny in a barracks in west Beirut.

The watch kept by police on foreigners has now reached such proportions that Lebanon's national airline, Middle East Airlines, was last week told to supply false boarding cards to police agents so that travellers in the departure lounge of Beirut international airport could be scrutinized.

Censorship is both strict and highly partial. In order not to contravene Lebanese law, this report—the material for which was gathered in Beirut since the imposition of censorship—has been filed from the Cypriot capital of Nicosia, the nearest city to Beirut with a free press.

In Lebanon itself, the authorities now make no secret of their hope that Western press representatives will leave the country and they are now running what amounts to a campaign to persuade foreign journalists to depart.

Whether the Lebanese Government is fully aware of the conditions which prevail in the country, or of the openly right-wing bias of their own censors, must remain an unanswered question, at least for the present. But there are disturbing signs that President Sarkis, of Lebanon, although personally unhappy at the recent turn of events, is under great pressure from the Syrian Government.

Last week, it emerges, Mr Sarkis, who is no admirer of the press, had to send four government emissaries to Damascus to dissuade the Syrians from their intention of permanently closing down four of Beirut's daily newspapers.

On the surface, life in Beirut is returning to a prewar normality. Nearly all the shops in the glass-fronted west Beirut Hamra precinct have now reopened for business and the narrow streets alongside are once again jammed with outsize and expensive American limousines, the male drivers in white suits and their women companions dressed in new French boots and the latest winter fashions. Water-skiers can be seen in Jounieh Bay just up the coast from Beirut and the casino on the cliffs above the harbour is packed nightly by many of its old and wealthy clientèle.

The country's apparently brash confidence was supported this weekend by Mr Selim al-Hoss, the Prime Minister, when he announced an insurance system to safeguard the assets of national or foreign

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Ulster MP threatens to withdraw his support

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Mr Frank Maguire, the Independent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, is threatening to withdraw his support for the Government in protest against the alleged ill treatment of IRA prisoners being held in some English jails.

That was made known to *The Times* last night by a close political associate who spoke on Mr Maguire's behalf in his home town of Lisnaskea.

"Frank is annoyed by suggestions that he is trying to blackmail the Government, but he feels that his vote is the only weapon he can use to try to get better conditions for these men", he said. "We understand that these have got worse recently and there have been several beatings."

Mr Maguire, a former internee and lifelong republican, is deeply suspicious of newspapers and has repeatedly refused to grant interviews to British reporters.

In the recent close voting in the Commons Mr Maguire has provoked angry remarks from the Tory benches by providing the Government with its technical overall majority of one in a number of divisions.

After a renewed flare-up between IRA prisoners and warders at Albany jail, on the Isle of Wight, Mr Maguire has requested permission from the Home Office to visit the prison. He claims that a hunger strike is being threatened by a number of republicans there.

Mr Maguire's associate said last night: "Frank is hoping to visit Albany early this week, and what he does with his vote in the Commons will depend on what he discovers when he has talked to the prisoners."

It is widely believed in Northern Ireland that Mr Maguire, a remarkably shy politician who has rarely made a speech, regarded an improvement in the treatment of Irish prisoners in mainland jails as the price the Government was prepared to pay for his support in the lobbies.

The main cause for Mr Maguire's threatened action appears to have been an incident in Albany on January 4 involving a prison officer and Sean Campbell, an IRA prisoner serving 10 years for conspiracy to cause explosions. He was one of six republicans in the jail who had been placed in solitary confinement after another violent incident last September.

Yesterday Sergeant Martin Walsh, a bomb disposal expert, was killed as he attempted to neutralize a 100lb milk churn bomb planted by the Provisional IRA at a remote grocery store in Mr Maguire's large and rambling constituency.

Sergeant Walsh, a married man aged 28 from Hereford, was the sixteenth member of the Army's bomb disposal team to lose his life in Ulster and the first to be killed since July, 1975. The bomb had been carried into the store on Saturday night.

Farmer released: A farmer who was kidnapped at gunpoint from his home at Hamilton, co Down, was released unharmed last night after a television appeal by the police. He was driven to a spot near his home and walked back to safety.

Robert and Sarah Tyler leaving Heathrow airport last night for a family celebration.

Delayed home-coming for Tyler family after 243 days in captivity

By Roger Berthoud

It was home-coming day at last yesterday for the Tyler family, who were released on Wednesday after being held for 243 days by Ethiopian rebels. At an extremely brief press conference at Heathrow airport, Mr Lindsay Tyler, who is 34, said he was "absolutely thrilled" to be back after all that time and uncertainty.

Later he and his wife, Stephanie, aged 32, and their two children, Robert, aged seven, and Sarah, aged five, went off for a family celebration at the Kent home of Mrs Tyler's sister, Dr Susan Nicholson.

Mr Tyler said he had no criticism of the way the Foreign Office handled the case. "Results show the line they took has been successful", he told reporters. He expressed his thanks both to the staff of the British embassy in Khartum, who had direct contact with their captors, the Tigrean People's Liberation Front, and to President Nimeiry, of Sudan, who was principally responsible for procuring their release.

Mr Tyler, who is a veterinary surgeon, and his family were on a cattle-vaccinating expedition in the wilds of northern Ethiopia when they were captured.

He said he found it hard to express his feeling about their treatment. "Our feelings went up and down. Some days we were depressed at the thought that it was going on for ever. Other days we realized a lot of people were doing a lot of work to get us out."

Asked what the future held, Mr Tyler said they had no immediate plans. Would they go back to Africa? "Maybe."

The Tylers were due to return from Khartum on Saturday, but were delayed by a dispute among baggage loaders at Heathrow. Their six-hour flight yesterday arrived two hours late.

Mr Tyler's parents, Iris and Gordon, who live in the Wirral, Cheshire, had arrived earlier in a white Rolls-Royce hired by a Liverpool newspaper. Also present were his sister Mrs Judith Allison, from Lancashire, and his brother Derek.

Mrs Tyler's family was represented by her mother, Mrs Doreen Monk, and sister, Dr Susan Nicholson, who had broadcast a BBC interview on Christmas Eve, urging the guerrillas to show compassion.

Leader of Munich massacre arrested

From Paul Martin
Paris, Jan 9

French counter-intelligence are holding Abu Daoud, the Black September leader who planned and coordinated the Munich massacre of Israeli athletes in 1972. He was arrested during a secret visit to Paris on an international warrant issued by the West German police.

The arrest has been condemned by the Arab states and has faced the French Government with a dilemma of major proportions.

Mr Abu Daoud, whose real name is Muhammad Daoud Audch, arrived in Paris last Wednesday on a forged Iraqi passport with an official mourning party for Mahmoud Saleh, a high representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, shot dead in a paris street.

Less than 24 hours before he was arrested in his hotel room on Friday he had been officially received at the Quai d'Orsay under his false name as a member of the mourning party.

According to well informed sources, Israeli intelligence tipped off the German police that the mourner, Youssef Reji Hanna, was in fact Mr Abu Daoud. He has been on Israel's most-wanted list of terrorists since Munich.

The affair has put the French Government in a difficult spot. Since his arrest, security precautions have been tightened in fear of a Palestinian reprisal to secure his release. The French recall that when the Jordanians sentenced him to death after his abortive Black September operation against them in 1973, a commando of Palestinians seized the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Paris

Diplomatically it has also driven the French into a tight corner. President Giscard d'Estaing is due in Saudi Arabia within a fortnight on an "extremely important" visit; and if France keeps Mr Abu Daoud in continued custody or extradites him to West Germany or Israel, the President's planned initiatives among the Arabs may well be prejudiced.

Bonn: West Germany will decide in the next few days whether to demand extradition. First a request must come from the Munich prosecutor.

Jerusalem: Extradition to Israel might be demanded "within hours", a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

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Labour MPs likely to abstain on vote to cut defence budget by £300m

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Reg Prentice, former Minister for Overseas Development, who resigned from the Government, and Mr Alan Lee Williams, MP for Havering, Hornchurch, and chairman of the Labour Party's defence group, are among Labour backbenchers who may not vote for the Government in the Commons on Wednesday when the Opposition challenges the decision to reduce the defence budget by £300m in the next two years.

Mr Prentice, who said in his recent resignation speech that the Government was wrong to propose the cuts, indicated yesterday that his inclination was to abstain, but he would see how the debate went.

Defence could reasonably be expected to make a contribution to the reduction in public spending only if the effects of the cuts on the ability of the Forces to meet commitments was carefully examined in detail, and he was not convinced that that had happened.

Mr John Mackintosh, Labour MP for Berwick and East Lothian, has already said in a letter to *The Times* that he will be unable to support the Government unless a clear account is given of the objections to the cuts made by the Chiefs of Staff in their unprecedented meeting with the Prime Minister four days before Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced his latest economic package.

Mr Mackintosh has said that he is not prepared to accept assurances from Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence: he wants ministers to explain their reasons for overriding the grave warnings from the Chiefs of Staff about the potential damage the cuts could do to the security of Britain and the West.

He argues that there is no other important legislature in the Western world where members would be asked to vote on such a vital question without knowledge of what the defence chiefs had said. He rejects the suggestion that state security is at risk if the information is given: the case could be given in broad terms covering Britain's capacity to meet its essential defence needs and treaty obligations.

Mr Brian Walden, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood,

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Airline back to normal as loaders end strike

By Our Labour Editor

British Airways expects all 23 of its overseas division flights from Heathrow to take off as usual today after 800 baggage handlers end their strike this morning.

Under a peace formula agreed yesterday between airport shop stewards, union officials and the management, a joint examination will be made of the men's claim for £1.16 a week extra for working on wide-bodied jets.

The airline cancelled all 20 outgoing flights yesterday and 14 incoming services, involving nearly 5,000 passengers.

By the time the baggage handlers resume work today, the backlog of passengers unable to find seats on other airlines is expected to number only about 100.

Porters employed by the British Airports Authority at Heathrow's terminal two walked out yesterday when one of their colleagues was arrested. Later they went back.

Bernard James Lucas, aged 59, of Market Parade, Hampton Row, Hanworth, London, was charged with the theft of jewelry valued at £145,000, and is due to appear before magistrates at Uxbridge on January 24.

Divisions over workers on company boards

Divisions among members of Lord Bullock's committee of inquiry into industrial democracy, and vehement opposition expressed by industrial leaders, may force the Government to propose enabling legislation for a more flexible approach to worker directors in British industry. That means rejecting the majority view of the committee. Majority and minority reports by the committee, to be published this month, indicate the scope of the debate

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Tyneside devolution criticism for MPs

The Prime Minister and northern MPs are to be sent verbatim reports of a conference held at Newcastle upon Tyne to oppose devolution plans for Scotland and Wales. MPs in the region are to be urged to oppose the devolution Bill in the committee stage and other action expected

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Unions considering next pay phase

Central among ideas held by trade union leaders as they prepare to examine the choices for future wage negotiations is a "planned return" to free collective bargaining. The current pay policy expires in July. The TUC economic committee is to examine a paper recommending continuation of the social contract

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Mr Mondale's tour

Mr Walter Mondale, Vice-President-elect of the United States, will visit London, Brussels, Paris, Bonn and Tokyo in two weeks' time, shortly after his inauguration in Washington. Acting as Mr Jimmy Carter's personal emissary, he will hold discussions about the date and venue of the next economics summit of Western leaders

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Hunt survives crash

James Hunt, of Britain, the world motor racing champion, escaped unhurt after his car, which was in the lead, crashed on the thirty-first lap of the Argentine Grand Prix. The first race of the season, it was won by Jody Scheckter, of South Africa

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Harry Wheatcroft dies at 78

Mr Harry Wheatcroft, the rose grower, has died at the age of 78 after a stroke. Mr Wheatcroft, of West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, introduced such varieties as Superstar, Fragrant Cloud and Peace. He produced special roses for occasions like the wedding of Princess Anne

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£2.5m jewelry stolen from cathedral

Murcia, Jan 9.—Spanish police continued searching today for any clue of the thieves who stole jewels valued at about 300m pesetas (about £2.5m) from the museum of the Santa Maria Cathedral in Murcia

Church officials here said that the jewels stolen included the crowns of the statue of the Virgin of La Fuensanta and the Infant Jesus, and the pectoral cross and ring of Cardinal Belluga, who was Bishop of Murcia in the eighteenth century.

They forced the iron gate of the museum, placed within the cathedral, by using a blowtorch. The jewels were on display without any protection. Officials said that the jewels were not insured.—AP.

Crash victims

Palm Springs, California, Jan 9. — The bodies of Frank Sinatra's mother, Mrs Natalie Sinatra, aged 82, and three other people on board a small private jet that crashed near here last week, were found in the wreckage on a mountainside today.—AP.

HOME NEWS

Trade union leaders considering 'planned return' to free collective wages bargaining

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Trade union leaders are to start looking this week at the options for wage bargaining when the present 4½ per cent pay policy expires at the end of July. Central among their ideas is a "planned return" to free collective bargaining.

The TUC economic committee will examine a confidential policy paper on Wednesday setting out the economic prospects for the United Kingdom this year and arguing the case for continuing the social contract between unions and government.

The document, an outline of the TUC's annual *Economic Review*, discusses the performance of the world economy and looks at Britain's difficulties and prospects.

On pay restraint, the paper seeks guidance from the economic committee on how the unions should implement the 1976 congress decision to seek a planned return to free collective bargaining. It does not contain a detailed blueprint of a further round of incomes policy, merely a list of bargaining priorities for the unions.

Those priorities, it is emphasized, are contingent on what Mr Healey does in his Budget. They cover low pay, top incomes, differentials, productivity and pay structures.

The economic committee will consider the draft review immediately after meeting miners' leaders and Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, who are seeking TUC approval for an early retirement scheme for pit men beginning on August 1.

Mr Jack Jones, the transport workers' leader, who is recognized as having been the most influential figure in shaping the recent TUC-Government pay initiatives, said yesterday that he would like to see the £6 and 4½ per cent pay supplements of the past two years consolidated into basic wages; amelioration of the anomalies caused by flat-rate wage rises; and restoration of pay incentives and differentials.

Mr Jones is proposing a flexible pay policy that will avoid a wages explosion when the present restraints are removed.

However, his concern for the lower paid is likely to prompt renewed pressure for an increase in the TUC's minimum wage target, from £38.50 after two years of pay curbs to more than £40 from the September congress.

He also opposes any third-party jurisdiction in pay bargaining on the lines of the Tory Pay Board or Labour's Prices and Incomes Board. "You cannot do it in a complicated economy like Britain, with over 24 million workers."

He continued: "Whatever we do will have to be on the basis of the TUC doing its best to influence the unions and on mutual agreement."

Mr Jones, a member of the TUC team on the National Economic Development Council, also criticized "erosion" of the Government's Price Code. "At a time when prices are rising because of outside factors, the Price Code has been virtually denuded of any real impact on the retention of reasonable levels of pricing."

He called for a "very dramatic attempt" by the Government to regain control over price movements, adding: "Trade unions are making their contribution; no one can question that. But clearly we cannot hold that position if prices continue to rise."

Serious talks between the TUC and the Cabinet on what should follow phase two of the pay policy are not expected to get under way until next month.

A dancer rehearsing for a special Epiphany service, Party at Bethlehem, held at Coventry Cathedral yesterday.

Threat to Labour property company

By Our Political Correspondent

Demands from some constituency Labour parties for the repayment of loans to Labour Party Properties Ltd has led to doubts about the future of the company, established at Transport House in 1969 to buy and manage properties used by the party for offices, meetings and social clubs.

The immediate prospect is that the company will have to be wound up as a separate organization within the party, or many of its responsibilities dropped. Either course seems likely to result in a loss of tens of thousands of pounds to party funds.

Mr Norman Atkinson, the left-wing MP for Haringey, Tottenham, and the new party treasurer, said yesterday that no final decision had been taken by the national executive, but the general opinion seemed to be that the company should be wound up. Other arrangements would be made for the management of properties in London.

He emphasized that the company was not engaged in property speculation or outside property dealing; it was concerned merely with property the party needed for its efficient working in London and the constituencies, and with giving advice on the maintenance of properties vested in local committees as trustees.

The company, he said, had about £500,000 of assets and about the same in liabilities. Apart from the loans made by local parties, the Labour Party had provided a loan of about £150,000.

"There are some constituency Labour parties who are pressing for the repayment of their loans, as they are entitled to do, and the property company has an obligation to them" he said. The size of loans from the constituencies varied. The biggest of which he knew was £10,000.

Some of the local parties needed the money for repair work. "I want to make sure we honour our obligations", Mr Atkinson said.

The chairman of the company is Mr John Cartwright, MP for Greenwich, Woolwich, East, a member of the national executive and a former director of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society. The secretary is Mr John Pittaway, finance officer of the Labour Party.

Other members include Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party, Lord Diamond, a former Treasury minister, Lord Milner of Leeds and Sir Frank Price, a businessman and chairman of the British Waterways Board. He has been asked to review the operations of the company and advise on its future.

To raise money for maintenance and other purposes, some local parties have been driven to selling off parts of their premises. When that happens the company in London is available to give advice.

One property owned by the company, in Walworth Road, London, originally owned by the Bermondsey Labour Party, is being considered as a site for a new headquarters which the Labour Party intends to build as soon as plans are approved by the executive.

When the project was first considered, party leaders estimated that much of the cost of running the headquarters could be met by rents charged for offices let to private firms in the building. If such a scheme was adopted, the property company might be asked to manage it.

Sixth form colleges 'deprive poor areas'

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The new policy of the Department of Education and Science favouring sixth-form colleges with a break in schooling at the age of 16, announced by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, last Friday, was attacked yesterday at a conference in London of the National Council for Educational Standards.

Professor Brian Cox, of Manchester University, coauthor of the Black Paper series of right-wing discussion papers on education, said: "We all know the arguments against the sixth-form college system. If this is the way we are now going to develop, you will not get academically able teachers going into the schools for the children aged 11 to 16.

"The schools in poor areas particularly will be deprived of the academically best teachers. When will Mrs Williams wake up and realize that the gifted children from poor areas are the ones being most handicapped by socialist policies?"

He said that with Mrs Williams's advocacy of small comprehensive schools her speech was a shining example of Labour Party hypocrisy. Only five years ago they had been told that the comprehensive schools would work because they had 2,000 pupils and were large enough to diversify courses in the sixth form.

The sixth-form college policy was put forward by Mrs Williams at the North of England Education Conference and is [illegible] to cause concern among people of all political persuasions. As reported on Saturday, Mrs Williams said that she thought sixth-form or tertiary colleges were the tidiest and most economical solution for authorities that had not yet reorganized their secondary schools.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, MP, Conservative frontbenc spokesman on education, tol the conference in London tha he was horrified at the report of this part of Mrs Williams' speech. "Anybody who talk about anything being the tidies solution in education is th enemy of the free society", h said.

He called for a return t selection at the age of 11 i grammar schools in rur areas, which he estimate represented 15 per cent of th schools in the country. Sele tion at 14 was the best answ for the towns and urban areas.

There all the comprehensiv schools should develop a co curriculum for the 11 to 1 age group, but they shou also develop a special subje in which they could have fou to six hours a week of ext tuition for the older pupils.

Pupils whose gifts in tho subjects were obvious at would go to schools caterir for their particular speciali and others could transfer them at 14, which was a cri cal age when children cho their future specialization.

Mr Boyson also advocat bringing back some of t direct-grant schools and makir others direct-grant so that su provision was more even spread to cater for t country's 200,000 exceptional talented children.

Mr Colin Grantham, Conse vative leader of Tamesi council, Greater Manchest which won a legal battle la year against the Governme to retain some of its gramm schools, told the conferen that the council had no inte tion of going comprehensi either now or in the future. had already instructed i officers to budget for the rei troduction of direct-gra schools.

He made it clear afterwar that the council would ke within the law.

Steel-Rees discussion adds to Agee controversy

By Stewart Tendler
Home Affairs Reporter

A discussion between Mr Rees, Home Secretary, and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, last November, has added a new puzzle to the controversy over the intended deportation of Mr Philip Agee, the former CIA agent.

Yesterday Mr Agee said at a rally in London that Mr Steel had been told by Mr Rees that Mr Agee was responsible for the deaths of two British agents behind the Iron Curtain. Mr Agee believes the remark refers to the breaking up of a group of spies in Poland and says it is without foundation.

In January last year Mr Agee said a story had been circulated to a number of newspapers describing the breaking up of a Nato spy ring in Poland and alleging that Mr Agee had given names to the Russian KGB while working in Cuba in 1971. A number of Poles were tried later.

Mr Agee took Mr Rees's alleged remark to Mr Steel to be referring to the Polish spy ring. But he points out that he was never in a position to learn about such a ring while working for the CIA and asks why it took so long for the ring to be broken if he denounced it in 1971.

There is no dispute that Mr Steel saw Mr Rees last November when the news of the intended deportation of Mr Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball, who works for a London newspaper, was announced. Interviewed by several journalists last week, Mr Steel refused to say what had been discussed.

One of his advisers said yesterday that Mr Steel would never repeat any remarks passed because it would jeopardize his position in talking to any minister.

The situation is made more perplexing because the reasons given by Mr Rees for the intended deportation do not refer to agents of the Crown. They refer to meetings with foreign agents, the dissemination of information harmful to Britain's security and aiding others to obtain such information for publication.

Yesterday Mr Agee said he felt that the CIA might have presented the facts of the case involving the Polish ring to the British services, adding the conclusion that he had had something to do with the debacle.

It was also possible that because his work had encouraged British journalists to examine intelligence work a case had been brought against him to discourage others.

Earlier at the rally Mr Kenneth Morgan, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said the cases of Mr Agee and Mr Hosenball represented an attempt to intimidate other journalists.

After many years of campaigning for the freedom of journalists in other countries the union was now having to make protests to its own Government.

Tomorrow Mr Agee is to face the three members of a Home Office advisory committee who have been appointed to hear his representations against deportation, and hopes to learn more of the case against him.

Aid sought for vaccine children

By a Staff Reporter

Children damaged by vaccines have a strong case for compensation, Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, said yesterday. He is tabling several questions today to Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, asking about the Government's attitude over the past 10 years to the recommendations of royal commissions.

Five European countries, as well as the Japanese, he said, had compensation schemes for children affected by vaccines.

Mr Ashley said he thought Mr Ennals would have to concede that the immunization programme was being carried out for the social good rather than the good of the individual.

It was wrong of the minister to delay action until there was a royal commission report; he was also asking for the recall of Professor Gordon Stewart, of Glasgow University, to appear before the department's advisory committee on vaccination, because of a claim that the professor was given inadequate time to present his findings last month.

Drivers raise bread price demand to 19p

Bread delivery men in London decided yesterday that they would stop supplying shops or supermarkets which sold large loaves for less than 19p after tomorrow.

They think a price-cutting contest between supermarkets might threaten their jobs by forcing small shops to stop selling bread. They had previously fixed the minimum at 18p.

Shop stewards for the London and Home Counties delivery men are calling for a national meeting to seek more support.

Swine disease

An outbreak of swine vesicular disease was confirmed near Blackpool yesterday.

British charity to set up Paris homes for lonely

By Diana Geddes

The Carr-Gomm Society, an unusual housing charity that helps the lonely of all types and ages, is to launch its first foreign venture in Paris today. Appropriately named "Jamais Seuls", it will, like its mother society in England set up homes where the depressed and the socially inadequate may learn to live together, giving each other mutual support.

As in England, each house will be run by a paid housekeeper, who will live in the house, cleaning it, cooking a communal meal every day, and trying to comfort and give encouragement to the residents.

The Carr-Gomm Society, which was set up by Mr Richard Carr-Gomm in 1965, is an offshoot of the Abbeyfield Society, which he had founded 10 years earlier to house the elderly. Although always hampered by lack of funds, the society and its affiliated local groups have managed to acquire 24 houses and flats in London, East Anglia, Newcastle upon Tyne, Hove and East Grinstead, where they care for about 200 people.

Other groups in Bath, Dorset, Lincoln and Buckingham have expressed an interest in setting up local Carr-Gomm societies, and are looking for suitable properties; in Cornwall the central society has acquired two houses and is seeking a local group to look after them.

Members of local societies manage the finances of their houses, and are expected to take part in the community life of their residents. They also help in organizing parties and outings, and even in celebrating weddings; one such wedding took place during the summer between two middle-aged tenants of a Carr-Gomm house in London.

The society believes that the number of people who cannot cope with living in an organized society is increasing rapidly. They may be labelled "disturbed", "depressed", or just "down and out".

They may have difficulties with their families, with alcohol, or with the law. But whatever the cause of their alienation, the society says, the result is the same, loneliness.

It recognizes that the welfare state increasingly provides for such people. There are "half-way houses" for former offenders and former mental patients, and "sheltered homes" for alcoholics and the elderly. But there are many who may not be suited to, or wish for, such institutions.

There are others who come under no convenient heading but still suffer from profound, incapacitating loneliness. It is for those that the society exists.

Its tenants pay economic rents to cover the running costs, but several of them are helped by supplementary benefits. Funds are raised partly through the society's two charity shops in Greenwich and at Victoria.

Further information may be obtained from the Carr-Gomm Society Ltd, 36 Gomm Road, London, SE16; and in France from M Jean-Jacques Vitrac, Président de l'Association "Jamais Seuls", 18 Boulevard Exelmans, Paris 6.

Russian strengthens chess lead

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

The Soviet grandmaster, Romanishin, strengthened his hold on the lead in the Ladbroke Premier Chess Tournament in Hastings when he scored an easy win over Webb in round 10 yesterday. The English player was out of form and lost material by a double oversight

Tarjan adjourned his game against Whiteley in a position that looked good for him. Should he win, he will be sharing second place with the Israeli master, Kagan, who drew a somewhat colourless game against Adorjan in that round.

Rumens spoiled a well conducted king-side attack against Damjanovic by missing a golden opportunity of forcing mate or winning the queen; but his attack was so strong that he won in the end in 44 moves.

The leading scores at the end of round 10 were: Romanishin 7½ out of nine; Kajan six out of nine; Adorjan 5½ out of nine; Smyslov five out of nine; Tarjan five out of 10 and one adjourned.

Results of round 10: Kajan adj against Whiteley, QP king's Indian def; Farago 1, Vukcevic 0, QP king's Indian def; Webb 0, Romanishin 1, English opening; Kajan [illegible], Adorjan [illegible], Pirc def; Kaplan [illegible], Miles [illegible], Sicilian def, Kraidman [illegible], Zwaig [illegible], queen's gambit declined; Rumens 1, Damjanovic 0, Sicilian def, Smyslov had the bye.

Results of round nine: Romanishin 1, Tarjan 0, queen's gambit declined; Whiteley 1, Farago 0, QP Nimzovitch def; Vukcevic [illegible], Smyslov [illegible], Pirc def; Adorjan 1, Webb 0, Giuoco Piano; Miles 0, Kajan 1, modern def; Zwaig 1, Kaplan 0, Reti opening; Damjanovic 1, Kraidman 0, Ruy Lopez; Rumens had the bye.

Andy Bevan boycott to be discussed

By Our Political Staff

With Mr Andrew (And Bevan, a Trotskyist, confirm by the Labour Party natior executive as the party's you organizer, the executive of t National Union of Labo Organizers (election agent will meet in London today decide whether to carry o their threat to refuse to c operate with him.

The agents objected to i Bevan's appointment becau the job usually goes to son one who has served as agent. They also feared th it might help left-wir extremists who are active i constituencies challenging th party's official policies an helping to unseat "moderate MPs like Mr Reg Prentice an Mr Frank Tomney.

Mr Bevan has applied fo membership of the union, anc there is likely to be strong opposition to that. One suggestion to be considered is that the agents should picket Transport House to protest again about the appointment.

Angela Rippon is song hostess

Miss Angela Rippon, the BBC television news reader, i making a second venture into show business after he appearance in the Morecamb and Wise Christmas show. She i to introduce the Eurovision Song Contest at Wembley o April 2.

She said yesterday that sh would be facing a live theatr audience for the first time.

NUT executive censures two of its members

Two members of the executive of the National Union of Teachers have been censured by their colleagues for their conduct when demonstrators interrupted an executive meeting in London last November.

The demonstrators were supporting a group of teachers who had been suspended by the executive after taking unofficial strike action.

Mr Alfred Wilshire, the union's president, adjourned the meeting and asked his colleagues to leave. All went except Miss Beth Stone and Mr Richard North. Miss Stone is believed to have addressed the demonstrators. Mr North took the chair.

Miss Stone said at the executive meeting which passed the censure resolution that if the executive had agreed to the request of the demonstrators to meet them, the incident could have been averted.

Boy died from shock after Alsatian attack

By a Staff Reporter

A post-mortem examination carried out yesterday on Paul Green, aged 10, whose badly mauled body was found on Saturday in the grounds of Applegarth Farm, Ivy Hatch, near Sevenoaks, Kent, a breeding kennels for Alsatian dogs, showed that he died from shock caused by multiple injuries.

Kent police said inquiries were continuing. No decision had been made about destruction of four Alsatians believed to be responsible for the attack on the boy.

Mr Derek Fenton, who runs the kennels, was at a dog show with Mrs Fenton and the boy's parents when the incident occurred.

The four Alsatians had been released in the grounds for exercise. Paul Green left the house and was found badly injured after the dogs had been recalled.

Labour fears abstentions

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who with Mr Mackintosh brought about the Government's defeat on the Dock Work Regulation Bill last session, said last night that he agreed with his colleague's demand for more information, but he would vote with the Government.

For Mr Alan Lee Williams, the debate will show whether Mr Mulley and the Government are willing to accept, or at least to examine, alternative ways of saving defence expenditure which he has discussed with the defence minister. His vote could depend on the response he got.

"My proposals would not in any way damage the 'sharp end' of our defence effort in Nato", he said yesterday. "One is to merge the Royal Air Force into the Army, calling it the Army Air Force."

He said his argument was that the air force had a tactical role but was strategic in structure. In a European war it would operate in support of troops on the ground, and it would be logical to have air and ground forces under one command.

"The air force would continue to have its own distinctive uniforms and the Chief of Air Staff would remain as head of the force; but there would be no separate minister for the air force or separate administrative offices."

That merger, and other changes designed to bring all three defence arms under a more closely coordinated and unified direction, could save more than £40m, he said. "If the minister is not considering changes in these areas, he is making the cuts in the wrong places", he said.

Other Labour MPs who are doubtful about the Government's defence policy are Mr Richard Crawshaw (Liverpool, Toxteth), Mr Benjamin Ford (Bradford, North) and Mr David Marquand (Ashfield).

If only six Labour MPs abstain, the Government could be in a difficult position because it was not clear last night that ministers could rely on the Liberals, the Scottish nationalists or the United Ulster Unionists. They will decide which way to vote after hearing the Government's case.

The division will take place on an Opposition motion to reduce the salary of the secretary of state, the traditional method of inviting the Commons to show that it has no *confidence in a minister*. The Conservative attack on the Government's plans will be led by Mr Ian Gilmour, shadow Secretary of State for Defence, with Mr Winston Churchill, MP for Stretford, making his first big speech as a frontbench spokesman.

NHS administration costs £172m

Revenue expenditure on headquarters administration for the National Health Service in 1975-76 was: regional health authorities, £30,786,000; area health authorities, £76,494,000; district headquarters and boards of governors, £65,286,000.

Social Services, December 22.

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Housing: The main reductions in housing capital programmes for 1977-78 announced by the Chancellor in his statement on December 15 at 1976 and 1975 survey prices are: municipalization, £50m (£47m); purchase of housing land by local authorities, £50m (£62m); housing association activity financed by the Housing Corporation, £57m (£54m); new town housing, £22m (£21m).

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Manufacturing: Gross fixed investment in new plant and machinery a head of those working in manufacturing industry, excluding iron and steel, in the United Kingdom, excluding nationalized industries, was (£'s): 1965, 142; 1966, 152; 1967, 155; 1968, 168; 1969, 174; 1970, 191; 1971, 176; 1972, 154; 1973, 169; 1974, 179; 1975, 158.

The figures given, at 1970 prices, cover acquisitions, less disposals of new and secondhand plant and machinery, as figures for new machinery are not collected separately.

Trade, December 9.

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Wealth tax: The staff engaged on planning for a wealth tax have cost about £1m. The accommodation costs so far committed are attributable to the tax total about £2m capital expenditure and £0.6m annual rent.

Treasury, December 16

Answers in Parliament

A periodic digest of information given in parliamentary written replies, with the source and dates on which they appeared in Hansard.

Borrowing: Government borrowing on March 31, 1974, is estimated to have been £930 a head. Net borrowing in the two and a half years since then has amounted to about £425 per head.

Treasury, December 16

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Tax revenue: Tax and tax and insurance contributions as a proportion of gross domestic product at factor cost (per cent): 1960, 28.0, 32.2; 1965, 28.8, 34.2; 1970, 36.4, 42.5; 1973, 30.3, 36.5; 1974, 31.9, 38.7; 1975, 32.4, 39.8.

Treasury, December 8

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Tax payers: The estimated numbers of taxpayers (in thousands) subject to the higher rates of income tax are: 1973-74, 392; 1974-75, 752; 1975-76, 1,300; 1976-77, 1,300.

Treasury, December 8

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Tax thresholds: Income tax thresholds at current prices and at 1973-74 prices respectively for a married man with two children not over 11 years of age are (£): Basic rate income tax threshold: 1973-74, 1,116, 1,116; 1974-75, 1,294, 1,097; 1975-76, 1,384, 942; 1976-77, 1,634, 963.

Threshold of first higher-rate band: 1973-74: 6,116, 6,116; 1974-75, 5,794, 4,912; 1975-76, 5,884, 4,003; 1976-77, 6,634, 3,911.

Threshold of highest rate band: 1973-74, 21,176, 21,176; 1974-75, 21,346, 18,098; 1975-76, 21,436, 14,583; 1976-77, 21,686, 12,786.

Treasury, December 8

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Police: Complaints against the police and the number of cases in which criminal, or disciplinary, charges resulting from complaints were brought in each of the years 1969-75: 11,814, 137, 208; 12,044, 152, 222; 12,271, 90, 209; 15,543, 127, 258; 16,155, 110, 186; 17,454, 105, 189; 19,205, 128, 247.

Home Office, December 6

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Revenue loss: The expected loss in revenue in the current financial year if the top rate of income tax was reduced to 50 per cent, assuming that that restriction included investment income treated as the top slice of a mixed income, is about £630m.

Treasury, December 13

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Children in care: The number of children in care in England at March 31 was:

Compulsory school age: 1974, 60,700; 1975, 63,700; 1976*, 64,900.

Over compulsory school age: 1974, 19,500; 1975, 19,000; 1976*, 19,100. *Provisional.

The provisional average weekly cost of keeping a child in care in England during the 1975-76 financial year was £32. That figure excludes administration and field social work costs, which cannot be allocated to specific services. No account has been taken of parental contributions.

Social Services, December 20

BBC must be kept intact, Tory MP says

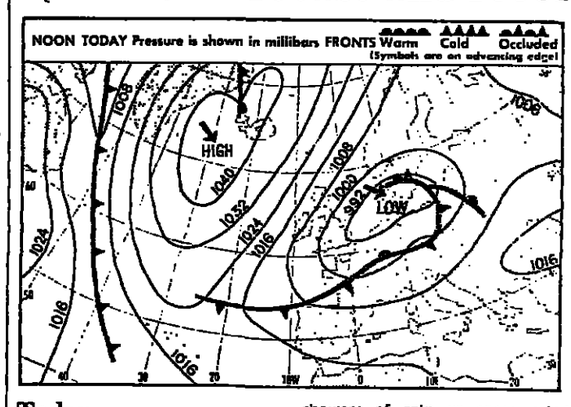
By Our Political Staff

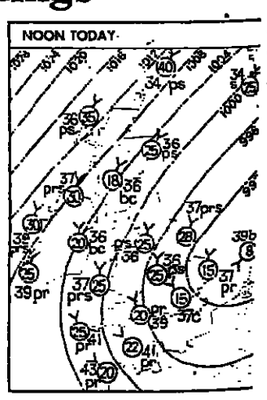
Conservatives should clear their minds on the policy they want to adopt towards broadcasting, Mr Julian Critchley, MP for Aldershot and chairman of the Conservative Party's media committee, said at Fleet, Hampshire, on Saturday.

They should make it clear that they wanted the Independent Broadcasting Authority and the BBC kept as they are; that the fourth television channel should be allotted to independent television, and that a broadcasting council should be set up. It should be made up of the two existing advisory committees "to introduce an element of consumer sovereignty into broadcasting".

Mr Critchley, who was commenting on the future of broadcasting in advance of the report to be published in April by the Annan committee, said: "We should resist the dismemberment of the BBC, index the licence fee, and restore the cuts made in overseas programmes. Above all, we should strengthen editorial control without compromising the scope, vigour and independence of broadcasters."

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 8.3 am Sun sets: 4.14 pm

Moon sets: 10.2 am Moon rises: 10.28 pm

Last quarter: January 12.

Lighting up: 4.44 pm to 7.33 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.41 am, 7.2m (23.5ft); 4.59 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft). Avonmouth, 10.5 am, 13.0m (42.5ft); 10.29 pm, 12.6m (41.4ft). Dover, 1.38 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 2.2 pm, 6.4m (21.0ft). Hull, 9.11 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 9.11 pm, 7.1m (23.4ft). Liverpool, 1.38 am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 2.10 pm, 9.1m (29.9ft).

A cold N airstream covers the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England, Midlands: Frost early and late, sunny periods, showers of sleet or snow; wind NW light or moderate; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Frost in places early and late, sunny intervals, occasional showers of rain or snow, wind NW moderate, strong near coasts; max temp 6°C (43°F).

East Anglia, E and NE England: Frost early and late, sunny periods, sleet or snow showers; wind N moderate, strong near coasts; max temp 3°C (39°F).

NW and central N England, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Frost early and late, sunny intervals, sleet or snow showers; wind N moderate: max temp 3°C (39°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE and NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland and N Ireland: Frost, rather cloudy, sleet or snow at times, heavy in places; wind N moderate or fresh; max temp 4°C (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Very cold, sleet or snow at times, widespread frost, severe in places at night.

Sea passages, S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W to NW, fresh or strong, sea rough.

English Channel (E): Wind W NW, fresh or strong, perhaps ga later; sea rough.

St George's Channel and Iri Sea: Wind N to NE, strong gale; sea rough or very rough

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am 6 pm, 6°C (43°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 6 pm 81 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, n Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,032 millibars, falling.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am 6 pm, 8°C (46°F); min 6 pm 6 am, 3°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm 78 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm 0.17 in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.7 h Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,003 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Akrotiri	f	17	63	Chicago	c	−1	[illegible]	Lisbon	s	16	61	New York	s	−3	26
Algiers	c	12	54	Cologne	f	3	37	Locarno	r	4	39	Nice	s	12	54
Amstrdm	r	6	43	Copnhgn	sl	1	34	London	r	7	45	Oslo	sn	−5	23
Athens	c	13	54	Dublin	c	9	48	Luxmbrg	sn	0	32	Paris	f	5	41
Barbados	s	27	81	Edinbrgh	s	4	39	Madrid	s	6	43	Reykjavik	s	−5	23
Barcelona	s	9	48	Florence	s	10	50	Majorca	s	13	[illegible]	Rome	c	11	52
Belfast	c	4	39	Funchal	f	17	63	Malaga	s	14	57	Ronldswy	f	5	41
Berlin	sn	−1	30	Geneva	c	0	32	Malta	c	14	57	Stockhlm	f	−2	28
Bermuda	c	18	[illegible]	Gibraltar	c	14	57	Manchstr	r	3	37	Tel Aviv	f	15	59
Biarritz	c	4	39	Guernsey	c	8	46	Miami	c	25	[illegible]	Toronto	c	−1	30
Birmghm	c	6	43	Helsinki	s	−7	19	Montreal	s	−17	1	Venice	c	4	39
Brussels	c	5	41	Innsbruck	c	−2	28	Moscow	sn	−6	21	Vienna	c	−1	30
Budapest	s	0	32	Istanbul	sn	1	34	Munich	sn	−1	30	Warsaw	c	−3	27
Cardiff	r	8	46	Jersey	d	8	46	Naples	s	12	54	Zurich	c	0	32

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 17; Belgium, BFr [illegible] Canaries, Pes 35; Denmark, DKr [illegible] Finland, Fmk 5.00; France, Frs [illegible] Germany, Dmk 3.00; Greece, Dr [illegible] Holland, Dfl 2.25; Italy, Lire 500; Luxembourg, Lf 28; Madeira, Esc 30.[illegible] Malta, 7c; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 32.50; Spain, Pes 40; Sweden, Skr 4.00; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; US [illegible] Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 22.

North-east of England puts case against devolution proposals

By John Charres

Verbatim reports of an anti-devolution conference at Newcastle upon Tyne at the weekend are to be sent to Mr Callaghan, members of Parliament representing constituencies in the North of England, and to almost anyone else in England who may be interested in the effects of the Government's devolution proposals.

The conference, convened by Tyne and Wear Metropolitan County Council, was a remarkable demonstration of the strength of feeling in the North-east of England against the devolution plans for Scotland and Wales, and provided a devastating answer to the remarks attributed to Mr Foot, Lord President of the Council, that there had been "no English fuss or even interest in the issue of devolution" when the consultative paper, *The English Dimension*, was published in December.

There was a great deal of fitness among the 150 delegates who attended the Newcastle conference, which was entitled "Devolution—the case against."

Six speakers were cheered as they made out their separate cases against the devolution proposals. They included: Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West Lothian, the most vigorous opponent of devolution among the Labour party in Scotland; Mr George Lawson, former Labour MP for Motherwell and Wishaw and now director of the Scotland is British campaign; Mr Tom Urwin, Labour MP for Houghton-le-Spring; Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury; and Mr James Jamieson, deputy convenor of the Shetland Islands Council.

The conference was another example of the way the North-east is taking the lead in questioning the devolution proposals. Late last year another influential body, the North of England Development Council, held a conference attended by 500 delegates. Late applicants for seats had to be turned away.

In contrast, a conference at Manchester University to sound out opinion in the North-west of England was under-subscribed with only 80 people attending.

Organizers of the Newcastle conference thought it significant that Mr William Sefton, chairman of Merseyside County Council, and Sir Stanley Yapp, from the West Midlands, attended and spoke vigorously.

Greater Manchester, which prides itself on being the most important local authority outside London, did not send a delegate, nor did any of the local authorities on the border line around Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The consensus at Newcastle was that devolution is a fine thing in the sense that decentralization of control from London is desirable not only for Scotland and Wales but also for the North-east, the Midlands and the North-west.

Mr Sefton suggested that devolution ought to be about restoring control over such matters as the health services, water, gas and electricity supplies to democratically elected local authorities from the government-appointed boards. He announced that he would call a similar conference in the North-west in the next two or three weeks.

Sir Stanley Yapp said he felt it his duty to ensure that English people in the Midlands knew just what was involved in devolution.

Mr Michael Campbell, chairman of Tyne and Wear County Council, promised that his authority would take action, and he thought that most of the neighbouring county councils would give support. He made clear that North-east MPs would be urged to oppose the devolution Bill in the committee stage.

Four of the 29 Labour MPs in the northern region opposed the second reading, and considerable local pressure is clearly going to be brought on the other 25.

Pupils kept at school for 3 hours by police

A group of 22 fifth-form pupils was kept at school until more than three hours after lessons ended while being questioned by police about the disappearance of a stop-watch earlier in the day.

No attempt was made to inform the parents, nor were they asked if their children could be interviewed, according to the education magazine, *Where*, which reports the case today.

The magazine, published by the Advisory Centre for Education, says the children were kept in a gymnasium at their comprehensive school in Thetford, Norfolk, for four hours last summer and were given no refreshment.

It also alleges that the school telephone was left unmanned and that parents' requests for the children to be released were ignored.

Mr Gordon Taylor, Chief Constable of Norfolk, said yesterday that a complaint was made by a parent and an inquiry had been carried out. "I have expressed my regret in writing to the parent who complained that the investigation was so protracted and that provision was not made to inform anxious parents of the situation", he said.

"It was very unfortunate that the investigation took so long. But it was felt by the officers that the incident could be more positively dealt with by an immediate investigation which, in fact, led to the watch being recovered.

The magazine says that the police, with the cooperation of the head, appear to have acted illegally and in contravention of Home Office directions by in effect placing the children under arrest. It recommends that parents and teachers should discuss guidelines to be adopted when a possible theft or misdemeanour has to be dealt with.

The magazine says that while the head was probably justified in calling in the police, the situation seemed to have got out of control in regard to parents' and children's rights.

Industrial democracy 1: The nature of the debate about participation

Pitfalls on slippery slope to the commanding heights

A government-appointed committee, chaired by Lord Bullock, has been considering industrial democracy and will issue its report soon. In the first of four articles on attitudes to industrial democracy in Britain and elsewhere, Peter Hennessy discusses disagreements in the committee.

By Peter Hennessy

An addition to the vocabulary of politics has been made in recent years with the arrival of the so-called "slippery slope" issue. Devolution is a present example, human rights another on the horizon. A third instance is lying in ministerial "In" trays in the shape of the Bullock report on industrial democracy.

The feature common to all slippery slope reforms is that they are Hobbesian "leaps in the dark". Each slope is strewn with pitfalls and nobody, least of all the policy-makers, can be sure at which point on the slope the matter will rest.

Industrial democracy lies at the heart of Britain's worries about economic survival and trade union power by linking the two in the shape of a reform, to which the Government is committed by putting worker-directors on the boards of big companies by legal right. To the most outspoken of the doubters, Bullock's terms of reference were rigged from the start. It was a question not of whether the Government legislated on industrial democracy, but of when and in what way.

The scope of the debate that will rage from the publication of the Bullock report later this month until the Industrial Democracy Act receives the Royal Assent in 1978 (and possibly beyond if a Conservative government is elected meantime) is conveniently reflected in the report, in its majority and minority versions.

Lord Bullock, who, as the biographer of Ernest Bevin, is well aware of the inexorable shift towards the recognition of union power since his subject's arrival in the War Cabinet in 1940, is joined by thre three union members of his committee and its two academics, learned in labour law and industrial relations, in the majority statement.

They recommend worker-directors sitting on a unitary board in equal numbers with shareholder representatives, with a third and smaller group, from whom the chairman would be found, chosen equally by both the worker and shareholder board members to achieve overall parity.

That is the so-called 2X+Y formula. Workers in the X group would be drawn from the employees of the company concerned. Workers in the Y contingent would be full-time union officials.

The majority scheme would apply to the country's leading 600 firms with more than two thousand employees. Participation, which the existing board will be legally unable to refuse, would be initiated by one or more of the company's recognized unions, representing at least one fifth of its employees, asking for it.

A simple majority of all employees, both union members and non-unionists, is required in a universal secret ballot. The electoral college for selecting worker-directors thereafter would be a company council made up exclusively of union representatives.

The committee's three members from the Confederation of British Industry declined to put their signatures to that scheme. Mr Norman Biggs, former chairman of Williams and Glyn's Bank, Sir Jack Callard, former Chairman of ICI, and Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of Guest, Keen and Nettlefold, want a slower introduction of participation, with workers sitting in a minority on a supervisory board in a two-tier structure.

Participation, they argue, should involve all employees, not just trade unionists, at every stage. It should not be introduced in a company until an employees' council has been in successful operation for at least three years.

Banks and insurance companies should be exempt from any scheme in order to preserve confidentiality and the reputation of the City of London as a world financial centre.

A separate note of dissent is appended by the tenth member of the committee, Mr Nicholas Wilson, a partner in a firm of solicitors, Slaughter and May. He speaks for those who believe governments cannot legislate for virtue, and wants participation to be applied voluntarily, not legally.

The debate revolves around the contention that a period of grave economic uncertainty and manifest social disharmony is no time to embark upon so risky an experiment which, once implemented, cannot be undone and the counter-argument that none of these ills is capable of remedy without a fundamental sea-change in economic and social relationships.

Mr John Methven, Director-General of the CBI, who was on the Bullock committee but resigned lastJul y when he took up his present post, is perhaps the most outspoken of the pessimists. In a speech to the Institute of Personnel Management in October he portrayed union participation in pension funds and the Government's plans for worker-directors as the thin end of a sinister wedge involving an attempt by the unions to dominate the commanding heights of the economy.

"The CBI will fight the extremely dangerous drift in government policy towards disfranchising non-unionized workers", he told the institute.

Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, who, with Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, is the Cabinet's most fervent advocate of worker-participation, made the classic "energy-release" case for it in an address last month to the Industrial Society.

For Mr Booth it is not simply a matter of equity or efficiency: "We are too highly developed a nation not to capitalize on the sophistication of our most valuable asset—people. . . .

"I am convinced from examples I have seen in action that if interest and initiative are encouraged, an unsuspected seam of expertise, knowledge, talent and energy can be opened up", he said.

But, to greater and lesser degrees, we are all participators now, the CBI and the Conservative Party included. Ironically, the most potent exceptions to this cliché are found within the TUC itself, particularly in the person of Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. He believes the way forward in the private sector is not worker-directors but an extension of traditional collective bargaining. The view that workers should not risk losing their identities and unions their time-honoured function through seats in the boardroom is not without support among the labour movement.

Participation was the *Zeitgeist* of the late 1960s. Even that inspired monument of the *ancien régime*, President de Gaulle, saw it as the remedy for France's ills after the events of May, 1968.

Given the usual time-lag with phenomena of that kind, it is being written into statute across Western Europe in the mid-1970s, Britain bringing up the rear.

All protagonists in the argument cite in their support the West German experience where codetermination has been a feature, particularly in the commanding-height industries of coal, iron and steel, since 1951. The CBI wants participation to be built from the ground up and expressed, German-style, primarily through works councils representative of all employees.

If that gradualist approach proved successful, legislation standardizing the best existing practices might be possible within the 10-year period envisaged in the EEC Green Paper on the subject in 1975.

Mr Prior, Conservative spokesman on employment, wants participation "enshrined through codes of practice rather than statute", with possible minority worker representation on the board. The Tories would give the whole thing a financial incentive through profit-sharing.

Typically, in Britain the debate is conducted in a nineteenth-century fashion involving comparisons with the great Reform Act of 1832, which extended the electoral franchise, and with distinct overtones of Robert Lowe's famous dictum: "Now we must educate our masters."

Mr Prior wants a joint training programme for shop stewards and management. Mr Booth talks of "a major training programme" for worker-directors

Whether you believe that strife will be permanently built into the country's foremost wealth . producers by the Government's plans or at long last a long-term solution will be found to our industrial woes, and a new legitimacy given to management, the reality may turn out to be disppointingly prosaic.

Mr Eric Batstone, of Warwick University, who compiled a study of Western European practice for the Bullock committee, told his sponsors: "Two conclusions can fairly easily be reached; first, worker-directors have generally had little effect on anything, and, second . . . they have certainly had no catastrophic effect on anything or anybody."

To be continued

East end tries to shake off an albatross

Regional report

Ronald Faux
Glasgow

Among candidates for any Scottish programme of urban rival, the east end of Glasgow ands a shabby head and oulders above the rest. In 00 acres are contained every uptom of urban dereliction, lustrial decline and economic ay.

The population has fallen by ost two thirds in two ades; the middle managerial professional classes arted long ago; the demic performance of ool-leavers is generally low, the level of crime and vanism is uncomfortably high; re is a large proportion of gle-parent families; and re are not enough baths and atories.

Even in good economic times le seemed to be done about grim legacy of more prosous times. The occasional st by bulldozer has done le more than create vacant, ble strewn plots, and the orts by the local authority balance its books leaves little e that the scale of assiste required will be found ally.

was an inevitable but brave ision by the Scottish Devenent Agency to accept the llenge of reviving the area, ause its success or failure reflect directly on the evance of the agency as an rument of urban improvet.

Some estimates suggest that since the war £12,000m has been spent on Glasgow in providing new homes, modern roads and improving social facilities. But the east end of the city had two rivals for the agency's assistance within Glasgow. The main criticism of earlier attempts to set things right is that they produced anonymous blocks of flats which have been described as inhuman deserts.

The agency planners believe that the city's anxieties cannot be alleviated merely by pumping in money and providing new roofs. Success must rely on more imaginative ways of injecting confidence into the east end to attract industrialists, commercial entrepreneurs and private builders.

Mr Richard Colwell, urban renewal director for the development agency, thinks the task would be more complicated than building a new town, although some of the techniques that have proved successful in that direction could be applied.

The agency will coordinate a programme in which the Strathclyde Regional Council, Glasgow District Council and the Scottish Special Housing Association will take part. About £120m is to be spent on the project which has been labelled the Glasgow Eastern Area Renewal (Gear).

The first steps in the project, due to be completed in 1984, have been to select about a dozen short-term plans. They include renovation of London Road, the main traffic route through the area. There is to be an early start on building small factory workshops, the "two-men-and-a-boy" businesses which have been the backbone of the east end.

A study is to be made of pollution in the area, and the Clyde riverside walkway is to be extended. The governing committee is preparing longer-term strategies for creating jobs, and for housing, shops and transport.

But how much would have been done without the agency's intervention and how much of the £120m is new money? Mr Colwell commented: "Whether new or old, it is to be spent on this project and will not be affected by the cuts. That is what really matters."

The agency plans a sensitive approach to the housing programme and will concentrate on renewing old property rather than building new.

New theatre director is 'excited but terrified'

Our Arts Reporter

ne of the difficulties Miss e Venables faces as the new ctor of productions for Theatre kshop at Stratford, in east don, is that the Theatre Royal old building and needs much ntenance. "Getting money for tal works is more difficult at ent", she said.

We do get various grants from Arts Council, the GLC and ons local authorities, but we not rich by any means. The r broke down over Christmas, it has been mended and the tre is warm again. It is one he hazards of working in a y Victorian theatre."

e has worked with members e permanent company all over country in the past 12 years she envisages a mixture of uctions, including new works the "greats". The present uction of *Old King Cole*, her will be followed next month Sean O'Casey's *The Silver e*, and then the company in two, one half doing a al of *A Taste of Honey*, an vel play, and the other preg a new production, probably sical, with a jubilee theme.

the theatre's youth work will nue and will be developed. there will again be a number en-air events, also associated the jubilee.

Miss Clare Venables: "A lot to live up to."

Miss Venables, who has complete control of artistic policy and the responsibility of future programme planning, said her new appointment was "very exciting" and added: "I am absolutely terrified". But the theatre was an "incredible heritage, a lot to live up to".

300 doctors back women's right to choose abortion

Three hundred doctors who believe that women should be allowed to decide for themselves whether to have an abortion have formed a new group, Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion.

They want changes in the law so that women make the final decision, not doctors. "Such a move would not amount to abortion on demand, as doctors would not be forced to do abortions against their will", Dr Judith Bury, the group's coordinator, said yesterday.

"We want to show that there is a large and growing number of doctors who support the idea of a woman's right to choose", she said.

The group will press for a more even spread of facilities for abortions, through the National Health Service. At present a woman is eight times more likely to get a health service abortion in Newcastle upon Tyne than in Birmingham.

By-election choice

A movement called New Britain, which wants to halt coloured immigration, is to contest the parliamentary by-election in the City of London and Westminster, South, caused by the resignation of Mr C. Tugendhat, who has joined the EEC Commission. Its candidate is Mr Dennis Delderfield.

At the general election Mr Tugendhat (Conservative) had a majority of 5,761.

Couple found dead

Mr John Joseph Smith, aged 65, a retired dockworker, and his wife, Mabel, aged 64, of Milnthorpe Street, Garston, Liverpool, were found dead in their home on Saturday. They had not been seen since December 31. The police do not suspect any crime.

Five of family die in fire despite rescue attempts

family of five died in a at their terraced home in n Road, Newton Aycliffe, urham, early yesterday.

ey were Mr Kenneth Kitchged 45, his wife, Florence, 45, two of their children, aged six and Gail, aged 10, their grandmother, Mrs Walker, aged 67.

o other children, who ed to safety, David and en Kitching, were taken to ington Memorial Hospital ring from shock and were detained. A neighbour, Mr Matthew Davison, encouraged them to jump from a first-floor window.

Police said that after David and Stephen Kitching jumped they saw their younger brother, Ian, at the window, but he would not jump.

Mr Davidson and another neighbour were beaten back by flames as they tried to force their way into the house. Mr Davison broke a toe trying to kick the door in.

WEST EUROPE

Basque boy dead as police clear crowd

Bilbao, Jan 9.—A boy of 15 was reported killed today as riot police fought with nearly 10,000 demonstrators in the Basque town of Sestao.

Hospital sources said that the youth had been found dead in a street while police dispersed the crowd with smoke bombs, tear gas and rubber bullets. Some demonstrators later said he had fallen when jumping a wall to escape police.

The boy was identified as Juan Manuel Iglesias Sanchez, the only son of a Bilbao factory worker.—Reuter.

Our Madrid Correspondent writes: The Government permitted Spanish parents this weekend to name their children as they see fit.

An order published at the weekend authorizes the inscription of a name "in any of the Spanish languages" in official birth records.

Spain has at least four distinct languages and many dialects, the change is important especially to regional nationalist groups, who have long chafed under the central Government's requirement that children should bear names in Castilian.

The Ministry of Information and Tourism ordered the confiscation of the latest issue of the Baaque weekly publication *Gizargui*. No official reason was given, but it is believed that the authorities were annoyed by an article about police actions in the Basque country.

The publisher of another Basque magazine, *Punta y Euskalerria*, is in prison awaiting court-martial on a charge of disrespect to the military. The publisher, Señorita Mirentxu Purroy, is accused of having printed a letter from a reader alleging excessive police violence

In Pamplona, the editors of the Basque periodical *Berriak* received another threat, by mail, in an envelope bearing a San Sebastian postmark, from the Sixth Commando Group of Adolf Hitler. The right-wing extremists said that the magazine "has been sentenced to an attack on its offices, like the one in San Sebastian". The San Sebastian offices of the magazine were destroyed by arson last month.

In Madrid, a public prosecutor said that he would ask for a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of 300,000 pesetas (£2,607) on Señor Enrique Baron, a labour lawyer, on three charges of disrespect to the authorities. The charges are based on remarks made by Señor Baron in an article in the news magazine *Cambio-16*.

Enigma of why Arab terrorist leader risked visit to Paris

From Paul Martin
Paris, Jan 5

Abu Daoud, held tonight in custody by French counter-intelligence, is one of the most daring leaders of Black September, the Palestinian terrorist organization.

His role in the Munich Olympics massacre in 1972 was to map our locations and movements of the Israeli athletes' quarters, arrange for the supply of weapons, and make operational orders for the terrorist kidnapping team.

Originally a lawyer, he rose to new heights after the Munich operation only to be captured four months later when he led a team of guerrillas trying to kidnap members of the Jordanian Government. His "confessions" of Black September secrets under Jordanian interrogation provided the most surprising intelligence to date on the structure and workings of the Palestinian movement's terror wing.

Since the Jordanian débâcle he has played a somewhat diminished role in the power structure of Al Fatah, though he has remained a member of the Revolutionary Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Moreover he has powerful friends in the leadership including Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), the creator of Black September, and leftist leaders in the organization like Naji Aloush and Munir Shafik.

During the Lebanese civil war, Mr Abu Daoud led the Fatah military campaign that spearheaded the leftist armies' thrust into the hotel district of Beirut.

The presence in Paris of this tall, bulky Arab has raised suspicions over the true worth of Mahmoud Saleh, whose funeral he came to attend. Mr Saleh, a 33-year-old PLO official of Mauritanian origin had once been temporary head of the PLO office in Paris. But nominally he did not hold high office at the time that two mystery killers shot him dead outside his Arab bookshop.

Abu Daoud: A daring leader fallen from grace.

Mr Saleh was the fourth Palestinian guerrilla official to be assassinated in Paris in as many years. The PLO claimed last week that his murder was part of a new Zionist assassination campaign in France aimed at liquidating the movement's European connexions.

Whatever importance Mr Saleh may have had, the PLO responded promptly by sending an unexpectedly powerful delegation to mourn him. In the first place it was led by Mr Muhammad Abu Maizer (Abu Hatem), the member of the PLO executive council in charge of foreign relations. Secondly, it included Mr Abu Daoud.

As Youssef Raji Hana, the false identity given in his forged Iraqi passport, Mr Abu Daoud was received with his fellow-mourners at the Quai d'Orsay on Thursday.

It was not until Friday night, after the Saleh funeral, that the counter-intelligence men descended on Abu Daoud's hotel, La Résidence Saint Honoré. Acting on the red warning circular, put out by the West Germans for his arrest, they took him into custody. He has since been held without any official comment

Lisbon plans cash aid for private firms

From Richard Wigg
Lisbon, Jan 9

The Socialist Government in Portugal is preparing measures to help private firms to overcome financial difficulties resulting from the country's economic crisis, Dr Antonio Sousa Gomes, the Minister of Economic Coordination, said when he took over "temporarily" the Ministry of Industry at the weekend.

The Government would first have to be satisfied that the companies could be made economically viable and performed a role really useful to the economy.

Many small and medium-sized private firms with inadequate capital before the 1974 revolution, have since been in financial trouble because of the wage "explosion" in 1975, rising costs of raw materials and falling demand. The banks have often had to finance wage bills.

But Dr Gomes emphasized also the continuing fundamental role of the state sector. All three state secretaries who worked with Dr Walter Rosa, the Minister of Industry who resigned last week, have been confirmed in their posts.

They are criticized by the Portuguese Confederation of Industry for their alleged left-wing views.

Speaking at Dr Gomes's swearing-in ceremony, President Eanes also insisted on a clear definition of the role of private investment, so as to encourage private savings

"It is not a crime against society to be successful", General Eanes said. "No one should be punished for achieving success within well established rules".

Dr Soares, the Prime Minister, had his Government's economic policies approved overwhelmingly at a meeting of the party's new national council of 126 members last night. But the police were called to prevent five left-wing Socialists, who had been suspended after the November party congress, from entering the meeting.

New leader for Maltese opposition party

From Our Correspondent
Valletta, Jan 9

Dr Edward Fenech Adami, aged 42, was elected today as leader designate of the Maltese opposition Nationalist Party. He will succeed Dr George Borg Olivier on a day to be decided by the party executive in consultation with the outgoing leader.

Dr Fenech Adami is a law graduate of Malta University, and president of the party's national council and administrative council. He is Shadow Minister of Labour and Social Services and was for seven years editor of the party paper.

Reprieve for killers of British couple

Toulouse, Jan 9.—A defence lawyer for two gypsies reprieved yesterday after being sentenced to death for the murder of two British hitch-hikers, said today his two clients had already suffered.

Maitre Alain Furbury said: "Death penalty supporters can rest assured, these two gypsies have suffered."

They were reprieved by President Giscard d'Estaing and their sentences commuted to life imprisonment. The death penalty in France is often commuted.

The men were convicted of murdering Mr Clive Latter, aged 23, and Miss Joyce Kay Jaffe, aged 21, his fiancee, with a hedge pruning knife in August, 1972.

M Furbury's colleague, Maitre Pierre Lamoureaux, who also defended the men, said today: "It was the first death sentence I had to deal with. I hope it will be my last."

The gypsies, Joseph Keller, aged 24, and Marcellin Horneich, aged 28, were reprieved after an appeal against their death sentences on charges of murder, rape, indecent assault, theft and receiving, was rejected.—Reuter.

Warning by Italian unions on wage rise curbs

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Jan 9

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, has been warned by trade union leaders that they are not prepared to accept any unilateral Government action to alter the present system of automatic wage increases tied to the rise in the cost of living.

The union attitude was given at a two-day meeting in Rome of some 2,000 local union officials. The delegates passed by an overwhelming majority a resolution backing the leadership's stand. This was set out by a Socialist, Signor Giorgio Benvenuto, on Friday. "If the Government resorts to a legislative initiative, we shall resort to all forms of mobilizing the workers to fight it", he declared.

Signor Andreotti has said that Italy is unlikely to be granted further loans by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) unless the so-called "escalator" wage increase system is modified.

But union leaders rejected his proposal last week that the number of such increases should be reduced from four to two per year. The Government says this could cut Italy's 20 per cent inflation rate by about 6 per cent.

Trade unionists have been at pains to point out this weekend that their tough stand does not mean that negotiations with the Government have broken down. The leaders have managed to withstand calls from some of their members for a general strike and are still prepared to go on talking.

They have also made it clear, however, that in their view the key issue is not incomes but investment policies and job guarantees. This is also the view of the communists, who are keeping a careful eye on the present Government-union talks as they have no wish to find themselves out of step with union feeling.

Union leaders say they are quite prepared to accept a voluntary wages freeze on the condition that they are guaranteed regular, three-monthly increases tied to the cost of living. This undertaking satisfies neither the Government, nor the IMF, however, as it leaves what they consider to be the most important issue untouched.

Pope announces reforms for Rome diocese

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Jan 9

The Pope has announced that he intends to appoint a secretary-general in the Vicariate of Rome as part of reforms in his own diocese. The Pope, who is also Bishop of Rome, said his changes were intended to encourage the city's faithful to act against "the dangers of moral and religious decadence".

He also hoped the diocese would be governed "with new efficiency, in harmony with the changed needs of present times".

The practice of appointing a secretary-general in Rome fell into disuse about 10 years ago, apparently as a result of the Second Vatican Council.

It now appears that the Pope, who already appoints a vicar-general to run his diocese on his behalf, wishes to increase his influence in the religious affairs of the city by nominating a second official to be answerable to him.

Signor Forlani to discuss trade in Russia

From Our Correspondent
Rome, Jan 9

Signor Arnaldo Forlani, the Italian Foreign Minister, flies to Moscow tomorrow at the start of a four-day official visit which is likely to focus on trade arrangements between Italy and Russia.

Italy is the Soviet Union's fourth trading partner in the West and imports more than one-fifth of its natural gas needs from Russia. But the Government here is anxious to increase exports, which requires a system of credit arrangements.

A credit of $900m (about £530m) granted to the Soviet Union just over a year ago has already been exhausted, but because of Italy's severe economic difficulties, Rome is not now in a position to provide further credit.

OVERSEAS

Mr Carter's Vice-President to discuss economic issues on his tour of Allied capitals

From Fred Emery
Washington, Jan 9

Mr Walter Mondale will visit London and capitals of other American allies, including Tokyo, in two weeks' time shortly after being sworn in as Mr Carter's Vice-President.

The itinerary is not yet fixed but, beginning in Brussels on January 23, the Vice-President will make a week's round-the-world trip to Tokyo, via London, Paris and Bonn, as Mr Carter's personal emissary.

Italy is the principal partner left out, partly because of time, according to informed sources, and partly because Signor Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, visited Washington before Christmas and had a long meeting with Mr Mondale and Mr Cyrus Vance, who is to be the next Secretary of State.

Mr Mondale issued a statement calling his journey a presidential "fact finding and consultation" mission on economic as well as political and security issues. The journey, first announced by Mr Carter yesterday, is intended to be the first step towards organizing the next economics summit of Western leaders.

This is expected to be held in late May or June and Mr Carter said yesterday that he would attend, making it the one exception to his wish to stay at home during his first year as President.

London has been discussed as the site of the summit, but the Japanese Government also feels it got its invitation in first, at the close of the last meeting in Puerto Rico, last June.

Mr Carter had faced a choice of attending an "atmospheric" summit immediately after his inauguration, or deferring it until the substantive issues would be better understood in the new Administration, informed sources disclosed.

He resolved the choice by sending Mr Mondale immediately. This, the same sources say, is an earnest of his wish for the summit to accomplish something solid, more than a continued mood of cooperation.

Mr Mondale is not a "substitute". On the contrary, sending him is intended to show how seriously Mr Carter takes the task of fostering the closest cooperation with the allies.

Unlike past Vice-Presidents Mr Mondale has already received lavish attention and promotion from Mr Carter. The President-elect vows he will treat him as a true deputy President, a man as fully briefed as himself on all policies and secrets, his "top staff person" in managing the Government between White House and Congress.

Mr Carter said he would be telephoning the leaders of the countries Mr Mondale is to visit some time later this week. These, he said, would be his first contacts with foreign leaders since winning the election.

Foreign governments are thus on notice that they are not being fobbed off with a ceremonial stand-in but with a serious politician, well informed especially on foreign policy matters. He will be conveying to them the new Administration's intentions in foreign policy, which appear to have some nervous chancellries worried, as well as reporting back to Mr Carter their own reactions.

Mr Mondale will be accompanied by a small group of high officials, which is to include new appointees at the State and Treasury Departments. It will probably also include Mr David Aaron, who is scheduled to be appointed deputy to Professor Zbigniew Brzezinski on the White House National Security Council Staff. Mr Aaron has served as a foreign and defence policy adviser on Mr Mondale's Senate staff.

Mr Carter set the following informal agenda for Mr Mondale's foreign talks.

He would be discussing, he said, "better means by which we might coordinate our Nato policies, deal with the problems of the increased oil prices and also share with them some of our potential plans at that point for helping resolve the problems surrounding Cyprus with Turkey and Greece, the Middle East and the southern Africa question".

He singled out providing foreigners with details of his newly outlined plan to bring a prompt stimulus to the American economy".

On southern Africa, it is learnt that the present Administration advising its successor that the Rhodesian conference, in spite of appearances, is on the rails. Indeed, the incoming Administration is being told to assume that the British Government will manage to get everyone on time to majority rule, however much the pain and struggle in dragging them there.

Mr Carter declared yesterday that he had no wish "to preempt the British Government" in the Rhodesia negotiations, and he wanted all to know that he backed Britain's efforts.

He said that he would meet the leaders of Canada and Mexico early in his Administration; the traditional first visitors from the country's closest neighbours. Mr Callaghan is expected to come after them.

Mr Carter also mentioned that he would send emissaries to "potential adversaries" as well as to allies. Mr Vance, after attending a luncheon yesterday given by Dr Kissinger for Mr Huang Chen, head of the Chinese Liaison Office here, announced that he would be visiting Peking "some time", presumably later this year.

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Mr Carter 'in church vote to bar blacks'

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Jan 9

President-elect Jimmy Carter is reported today to have voted with the all-white congregation of the Baptist church he attends in Plains, Georgia to reject applications to join from three black activists.

The church's "watch committee" reported to the congregation that the applicants did not live in the community and had been uncooperative.

The congregation met in private. Mr Carter was said not to have taken the floor, but to have voted to accept the committee's report.

The leading applicant, the Rev Clennon King, of Albany, Georgia, 40 miles from Plains, protested angrily at the decision and promised to be back next week.

Mr King applied to join the all-white church on the eve of the November election. He was denounced as a troublemaker, but his action succeeded in getting the church to repeal its bar against membership for blacks and civil rights workers.

The Rev Bruce Edwards, the church pastor, who favoured the desegregation of the church, said today he was sure that a black applicant from Plains would be accepted.

Muzorewa group rejects Lusaka declaration

From Michael Knipe
Salisbury, Jan 9

Bishop Abel Muzorewa's Rhodesian nationalist faction today dismissed the importance of the apparent decision of the five "front-line" African presidents in Lusaka to give "full political, material and diplomatic support" to the rival Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe.

Dr Gordon Chavunduka, secretary-general of the Muzorewa faction, said: "The presidents do not have the right to tell the seven million people in Rhodesia what they should do and feel. That is the right of the people who live in this country."

Dr Chavunduka said the Muzorewa group would return to the Geneva conference if and when it resumed, regardless of what the "smaller" African nationalist factions decided

Meanwhile a nationalist guerrilla who has admitted killing seven people, including three Roman Catholic missionaries, is believed to have escaped from police custody yesterday across the border into Zambia.

Albert Sumbo Ncube, aged 26, was apparently taken by police to a Victoria Falls motel in connexion with the killing there in October of a white Rhodesian.

While police have refused to comment, Victoria Falls residents say they heard shots early yesterday and saw an African man clad only in his underwear and shirt running in the direction of the Zambezi river, the border between Rhodesia and Zambia.

Mr Ncube confirmed in Bulawayo magistrates court on December 31 that he had willingly made statements admitting the killing of seven people, including the former Bishop of Bulawayo, Mgr Adolf Schmitt. He was due to appear again on January 14.

Dar es Salaam, Jan 9.—Hundreds of Rhodesian guerrillas have been killed in Mozambique during clashes between rival factions of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, a nationalist leader, said today.—Reuter.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, who returned from South Africa yesterday, said that after talks with politicians there he was convinced the chances of success for Mr Ivor Richard's shuttle diplomacy were better than most observers had suggested.

Murdoch appointment of two new editors

From Peter Strafford
New York, Jan 9

Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian newspaper owne[r], named new editors this weel[k] end for the two main acquisitions he has made recently i[n] New York. He appointed M[r] Edwin Bolwell, formerly [of] *Time* magazine and *The Ne[w] York Times*, to be editor [of] *the New York Post*, and M[r] James Brady, an Australian, a[s] editor of *New York* magazine.

The appointments mark th[e] full emergence of Mr Murdoc[h] as a power in the newspape[r] world of New York after h[is] stormy takeover of the Ne[w] York Magazine Company la[st] week. They also herald wha[t] in the view of some comment[a]tors, could be a newspaper wa[r] in New York.

Under its previous owne[r] Mrs Dorothy Schiff, the *Ne[w] York Post* was a declining forc[e]. It was the city's only evenin[g] newspaper, and the survivor [of a] hard fought newspaper war but its circulation was goin[g] down, and the *Daily New[s]*, among others, was thinking [of] starting up a rival.

Now that Mr Murdoch ha[s] taken it over, plans of this so[rt] are likely to be shelved, for th[e] time, at least. Mr Murdoch ha[s] made it clear that he intend[s] to build up the newspape[r] improving its coverage i[n] several areas, and attractin[g] new readers.

New York has only thre[e] morning papers, *The New Yor[k] Times*, the *Daily News*, and th[e] *Wall Street Journal*, and M[r] Murdoch has not ruled ou[t] changing the *Post* into a morn[-]ing paper if the going ge[ts] rough. There was nothing, h[e] commented recently, whic[h] gave *The New York Times* an[d] the *Daily Post* a monopoly [of] the morning.

The *Daily News*, a tabloid, [is] likely to be the first to feel th[e] effect of the new competitio[n]. But even *The New York Time[s]* is not as strong as it was, an[d] recently began an extensiv[e] campaign to shore up its pos[i]tion, by changing its layou[t], brightening up its editorial pag[es] and publishing new suppl[e]ments.

Labour MP says Mr Foot is wrong over India

Mr John Lee, Labour MP fo[r] Birmingham, Handsworth, ye[s]terday criticized Mr Michae[l] Foot, Leader of the House o[f] Commons, for denouncing par[t] of an article on India in *The Times* by Bernard Levin.

In the article, Mr Levin had written: "The truth is that Mrs Gandhi (the Indian Prime Minister) wants to be a dictator, and is going to be." Mr Foot described this as "a monstrous lie".

Mr Lee said yesterday: "I do not like Mr Levin, but I feel the balance of the argument is his way."

He added: "The way Mrs Gandhi has petulantly reacted to every form of criticism suggests that power has gone to her head or that she cannot cope and, in a sense, this is a kind of panic behaviour.

"I would like Mr Foot to realize that Mrs Gandhi has stifled the press in India. I think Mr Foot is wrong and he ought to remember that."

Lebanese kept ignorant of battle and mutiny

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investors in the event of another conflict. Yet the incidents which have gone unreported in the Beirut press—or have been officially suppressed when foreign correspondents tried to make inquiries or send dispatches from the country—tell a different story. They include:

1. A shooting in the hotel district of Beirut in which, according to three eye-witnesses, Syrian troops under the command of an officer, publicly shot dead a captured pro-Iraq Baathist, moments after he had allegedly shot and killed three Syrian soldiers.

2. A fierce gun battle three days ago between Christian Phalangist gunmen and Syrian soldiers at the northern Lebanese port of Batroun. The Syrians were trying to prevent the Phalangists from using the small harbour in the town to ferry in equipment for a new—and exclusively Christian—airport being built five miles away.

3. The kidnapping and murder of three leading Muslims from the eastern Lebanese town of Baalbek, all of them members of the well-known Hujeiri family. All were killed in the Christian quarter of Beirut, not far from the ruins of the Tel Zaatar refugee camp.

4. A mutiny at the Muslim Lebanese Army barracks in west Beirut yesterday, when 140 soldiers from the Baalbek region tried to storm their own armoury in order to pick up enough weapons to mount a retaliatory raid on a Christian area after the Hujeiri killings. Second-lieutenant al-Khatib, the soldier who commanded the Muslim wing of the Lebanese Army during the civil war, was hurriedly called in by the authorities to pacify the soldiers.

5. Christian plans for a right-wing conference to be held in Beirut on January 21, to discuss the "decentralization"—or partition—of Lebanon.

One of the facts of life about which the Lebanese can have few illusions, however, is the degree of supervision that has been introduced into their daily lives. Although neither newspapers in Beirut nor foreign correspondents may write about the censorship, the Lebanese national television network, which is under government supervision, last week showed film of government officials at work in the offices of the Sûreté Générale in Beirut, deleting passages from newspaper reports with red-felt pens.

In one scene—which may or may not have been intended to induce fear among some sections of the population, but which will certainly not inspire the confidence of foreign bankers who want to know if financial secrecy will be safeguarded in Lebanon—the film showed telephone-tapping equipment stocked in the Beirut central telegraph exchange.

In the past three days, journalists have discovered something far more sinister about the Lebanese Government's newly-acquired, though perfectly legal, control of the press. They have found that almost anything they choose to report on the activities of right-wing Christian leaders like Mr Pierre Gemayel or Mr Camille Chamoun will be passed by the censor: but that almost any reference to Mr Kemal Jumblatt of the Leftist Alliance and every reference to the Palestinians is ruthlessly excised by government officials.

This is scarcely surprising. Only two of the 20 censors working in Beirut are Muslims. Of the 18 Christians, several are known to have worked for the Phalangist party during the civil war; and the head of the censorship board, Colonel Antoine Dahdah, is a personal friend of the right-wing ex-President Franjieh.

When I called at the censor's office last Friday, I immediately recognized the government official sent to escort me into the building. We had previously met during the war last autumn. He had been one of a number of armed gunmen to stop my car on the Christian front line near the Beirut Museum to check my identity.

The censors in Beirut insist that labels such as "right-wing" or "Christian" or "Muslim" should not be used in reports filed to foreign newspapers, because, they say, this gives "an impression of disunity". Politicians must be identified by their party titles or government offices.

The Palestinian news agency Wafa cannot be quoted at all. Wafa is in any case itself subject to censorship and the Communications Ministry have cut off the two telexes which were once operated by the leading Palestinian movements in Beirut.

Strangely, all of Beirut's subscriber trunk dialling system has suddenly broken down: which means that telephone callers abroad must now contact the operator before talking to a subscriber.

How long the foreign press representatives can remain in Beirut under these conditions remains to be seen. Certainly, the Lebanese authorities would be happy to see them depart. When the BBC correspondent in Beirut asked Colonel Dahdah at a press conference last week whether he did not think that the strict censorship would drive journalists out of Lebanon and to Cyprus, Colonel Dahdah replied: "Well, I'm told that the weather is very warm in Cyprus just now."

For the local press the situation is much more serious. *An Nahar*, the prominent independent Beirut newspaper, is to publish a business newspaper in Paris in order, in the words of one journalist, to "breathe some freedom outside the country". Three Christian journalists on a second paper (they asked not to be identified) have already left for Cyprus to try to find work in Nicosia.

Two employees of the pro-Libyan, leftist newspaper *As Safir* spent 10 days being closely interrogated in the annexe of a Damascus prison after their newspaper's offices were temporarily occupied in Beirut by Syrian troops. They were released only after the president of the Lebanese Press syndicate travelled to Damascus to ask for their release. They returned to Beirut only last week although no one was able to report this.

During their occupation of the newspapers, the Syrians took a large number of documents and files, most of them relating to Syria, the Palestinians and President Sadat of Egypt.

Syrian troops of the Arab League peace force are, of course, not alone in keeping watch on the population. They are assisted by a large number of Syrian officials who are according to local politicians Syrian policemen.

Airport officials say privately that a number of Egyptians have recently flown into Lebanon and the Palestinians claim that these men are Egyptian secret police sent to watch the Syrians, who are watching the Lebanese. This element of farce might be intrinsically humorous if it were not likely to be true.

Beirut, Jan 9 (Censored).—Mr Ahmed Iskandar, the Syrian Information Minister, said in an interview published here today that all "honourable journalists" in Lebanon had advocated the introduction of tough censorship regulations last week.

Mr Iskandar told the Lebanese weekly *Monday Morning* that some journalists here had been "responsible for infractions which were a disgrace to the profession, which antagonized national Lebanese and Arab feelings, and which offended Arab deterrent troops who, by all measures of decency and nationalism, should be loved and appreciated".

Formal pre-censorship was imposed on all Lebanese publications and foreign news organizations operating in Lebanon under a government decree published last Monday. The decree stipulates fines of up to 15,000 Lebanese pounds (about £5,000) and three years in jail for those violating the censorship rules.

Mr Iskandar said he imagined the decree had been issued to ensure that Lebanon's reconstruction after 19 months of war would "press ahead in an atmosphere free from incitement provocation and dissension".—Reuter.

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OVERSEAS

Peking posters call for Mr Teng to be Prime Minister

From David Bonavia
Hongkong, Jan 9

Huge crowds today again thronged Peking's Tien An Men Square in bitter cold to read posters which called for the removal of Mr Wu Teh, the mayor of Peking, and General Chen Hsi-lien, commander of the Peking military region.

Others called for the post of Prime Minister to be given to Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the formerly disgraced Deputy Prime Minister, according to a Peking resident interviewed on the telephone today.

Traffic on the main boulevard of central Peking is being obstructed by the crowds, which are said to be "in a political mood".

Many posters attack Mr Wu, but only a small one was seen attacking General Chen, who is thought to have been one of the main forces behind the overthrow of Chiang Ching, Mao Tse-tung's widow, in October. Observers were surprised that he should come under attack. But the accusation of "opportunism" against Mr Wu has been a familiar feature for some weeks past.

Peking, Jan 9.—Crowds of tens of thousands observing the first anniversary of the death of Chou En-lai showed great interest in the poster criticizing General Chen for the "cruel orders" he had issued to disperse crowds who had clashed with security forces on April 5 in Tien An Men Square after paying homage to Mr Chou's memory.

Some of the posters and slogans calling for the return of Mr Teng were torn down early today, but many more were put up to replace them during the day as well as poems praising him, to the obvious satisfaction of onlookers.

One poster today demanded that Chiang Ching and her three "accomplices" should appear on television at a "struggle meeting". At struggle meetings in China the guilty parties appear before thousands of people who shout abuse and insults at them for hours on end.

Other posters used the worst insults in the Chinese language against the "gang of four" ("turtle eggs" and "rotten eggs").—Agence France-Presse.

New C-in-C: General Viktor Kulikov, aged 55, a wartime Soviet tank officer who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Warsaw Pact forces. He succeeds Marshal Ivan Yakubovsky, who died in November at the age of 64.

Since he was made Soviet Chief of General Staff in 1971, General Kulikov has earned a reputation as an ambitious innovator intent on promoting younger generals with technological backgrounds to responsible staff posts.

Urban terror link with house blast in Soweto

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 9

A possible link between an explosion that destroyed a house in Soweto and a blast several hours later on a railway line here is being investigated by security police.

The authorities suspect the house was being used as a bomb factory. One African was killed and five injured in the blast.

Early yesterday, an African railway workman was badly hurt when he tried to remove what he thought was a battery tied to the track and it blew up.

Throughout the weekend, armed police sealed off the wrecked house in Soweto's Pimville district. Police sources said the body of a man "without a face, hands or feet" was taken from the ruins.

A neighbour said: "There were five explosions at intervals of about seven minutes. Then, about 45 minutes later, there was another blast as the police were sifting the wreckage. But the police were not hurt."

The five injured men were taken to hospital, then transferred to Johannesburg's main prison, the Fort. A spokesman at Soweto's Protea police station said Major Jan Visser, security chief in the township, was questioning them.

In the railway line incident, Mr Wellington Skhumba, aged 48, was injured when the bomb exploded shortly before a goods train was due.

In hospital Mr Skhumba said the device, which looked like a battery, was tied to the track with wire. He unfastened the wires and as he picked up the object to throw it away it went off.

He was knocked unconscious and is in hospital with serious cuts. There was no damage to the track, which was closed for two hours.

Last month, the Minister of Police, Mr James Kruger, gave a warning that a campaign of urban terrorism might erupt in South Africa. His warning came after an explosion in a crowded Johannesburg shopping centre at the height of the Christmas rush.

Prisoners of conscience

Soviet Union: Dr Mykola Plakhotnyuk

By David Watts

The release from jail of Mr Vladimir Bukovsky has once again focused concern on the plight of Soviet dissidents held in psychiatric hospitals for political reasons.

Although several have been freed, one of the most prominent remaining imprisoned is Dr Mykola Grigorevich Plakhotnyuk, a Ukrainian nationalist.

Born in 1936 in the Kiev region, Dr Plakhotnyuk graduated "with distinction" from medical school. He worked for a time in a children's sanatorium and then in a medical institute in Kiev. In 1969 he was questioned by state security officials about his relations with Ukranian nationalist writers.

The following year he wrote several statements defending Ukrainian political prisoners and was dismissed from his job, after which he was prevented from getting another.

In 1972 he was arrested and charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". The charges related specifically to his having distributed the Ukranian *samizdat* or unofficial human rights journal, *Ukranian Herald*.

Before going on trial, he was submitted to examination by psychiatrists at the Moscof Serbsky Institute of Forensic Psychiatry. The official diagnosis was that Dr Plakhotnyuk was suffering from "schizophrenia with delusions of persecution". It was recommended that he be confined indefinitely for treatment in a special psychiatric hospital, a type of institution officially designated for mentally ill patients who are especially dangerous". The Kiev regional court accepted both the diagnosis and the recommended treatment and Dr Plakhotnyuk was sent to the Dnepropetrovsk special psychiatric hospital.

Mr Leonid Plyushch, another dissident, was released from the same hospital a year ago and reported that conditions were particularly bad. Inmates have frequently been subjected to drug treatment without regard to possible dangers to their physical and mental health.

Dr Mykola Plakhotnyuk: Ukrainian nationalist

Protests at Jerusalem evictions of Arabs

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Jan 9

Evictions of Arab families from Jerusalem's Old City were attacked today as damaging prospects of a peace settlement in the Middle East. The Committee for a Just Peace between Israel and the Arabs called a press conference to draw attention to the expulsion of three families, totalling 31 people, from houses close to the Jewish quarter.

A committee member, Mr Daniel Amit, said that a new framework of relations between Jews and Arabs had to be built but this process was being hindered by the evictions and other moves against Arabs.

Introducing members of the evicted families, he said that the loss of their homes was an indication that the authorities "will not tolerate the existence of a single Arab family in the Jewish quarter".

The three families had been forcibly evicted from their homes, owned by the Moghrabi Wakf (Muslim Charitable Trust), and the houses were demolished, the committee's statement said. Two of the families had once before been forcibly moved in 1967, when their homes close to the Wailing Wall were demolished.

Mr Amit pointed out that the demolished houses were not in the Jewish quarter which had been destroyed between 1948 and 1967 but in the Muslim quarter. He said that the intention was to enlarge the new Jewish quarter to double its 1967 size.

Arab shopkeepers and residents in the area of the Street of the Chain were receiving notices to vacate their property, in spite of a pledge given by the mayor of Jerusalem that they would be able to continue to live and work there.

The Committee for a Just Peace alleged that a plan for the "renewal" of the Muslim quarter, which would involve the expulsion of thousands of Arabs from the Old City, was beginning to be put into effect. It added that this was "not so much urban renewal as Arab removal". Arabs were being offered alternative housing near Bethany but if they accepted they would lose their status as residents of Jerusalem.

Mr Amit said that the evictions in the Moghrabi area were absurd when there were flats empty in the new Jewish quarter and nobody was asking for them. Arabs had applied for them but had been rejected because they did not meet the criteria, which required applicants to be residents of Israel (but not of east Jerusalem), new Jewish immigrants or to have had army service.

The *Jerusalem Post* today carries a report from its London correspondent on a letter to *The Times* by the Dean of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, the Very Rev Clive Handord, and three others. The correspondent said that the signatories "failed to note that the Old City evictions, secured through court orders, are part of the restoration of the Jewish quarter, whose entire population was removed at the time of the Jordanian occupation in 1948".

Soviet tests of space war satellites

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Soviet Union is experimenting with different methods of destroying satellites in orbit round the earth. Details of a new test are reported in the current issue of the authoritative American magazine *Aviation Week and Space Technology*. It also records the disquiet of some defence officials at being overtaken in this work.

The latest test is the fourth in the past 12 months by the Russians aimed at intercepting one satellite by another. One of the vehicles contains explosives that are detonated when two space craft come close together. The experiments were made with Cosmos 880 launched on December 20 as the target vehicle and Cosmos 886 launched December 27 as the interceptor.

Yet it was only in November that the Russians were told by Dr Malcolm Currie, director of defence research and engineering in the United States, that development of a "war-fighting" satellite was a "dangerous road".

He told the United States Air Force that "the Russians have developed and tested a potential war-fighting anti-satellite. They have thereby seized the initiative in an area which we hoped would be left untapped. They have made space a new dimension for warfare, with all that this implies.

"Restraint on their part will be matched by our own restraint, but we should not permit them to develop an asymmetry in space."

Egyptian minister walks out of Arab conference

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Jan 9.—Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, walked out of a conference of Arab foreign ministers in Riyadh today and flew back to Egypt unexpectedly.

The conference was called to discuss financial aid to the so-called "confrontation states" facing Israel.

No reason for Mr Fahmi's departure was given. According to the Saudi News Agency, Mr Fahmi expressed the hope in an airport statement before leaving that "the conference will yield positive results".

The conference included seven other Arab foreign ministers and a representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. They were to discuss financial aid from the oil-rich states to Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the PLO.

Saudi sources said that Mr Fahmi had apparently decided to walk out when it became evident that the conference was unwilling to meet Egypt's request for continuing financial support. He left the conference 30 minutes after it started.

The confrontation states have been complaining that they have not been receiving the full amount of aid promised them at the pan-Arab summit conference at Rabat in 1974, to cover the losses sustained as a result of the Arab-Israeli war in 1973.—AP.

Russian accused of spying on space project

Newark, New Jersey, Jan 9.—A Russian-born immigrant appeared in court here yesterday charged with conspiring to pass United States space secrets to the Soviet Union through a Soviet diplomat at the United Nations.

The man, Ivan Rogalsky, aged 34, was remanded in custody. If he is convicted, he could be sentenced to death.

Mr Rogalsky, who entered this country four years ago and worked as a motor mechanic in New Jersey, was arrested last night

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said he had in his possession documents relating to a highly classified and sensitive Defence Department project under study at Princeton, New Jersey. The statement said Mr Rogalsky was interested specifically in the space shuttle programme.

Struggle goes on, Czech dissident says

Vienna, Jan 9.—Vaclav Havel, the dissident Czechoslovak playwright, said today that the Charter 77 human rights movement would continue to help people in Czechoslovakia in their struggle against oppression by the authorities.

Mr Havel, aged 40, was one of four leading Government critics detained for questioning last week after the appearance in Western newspapers of a new human rights manifesto called Charter 77. The manifesto was signed by 242 Czechoslovaks.

Mr Havel, interviewed in Prague by telephone from Vienna, said: "The Charter 77 is a working group, a group of people who think alike and who will continue their struggle whatever threats they might face."

He said the movement was broadly based and was not confined to intellectuals. "There are many people behind us, and it would be wrong to think that they are only intellectuals. There are workers cooperating with us and many people who have not suffered at all after the 1968 events."

Mr Havel, whose works are banned in Czechoslovakia, said there were no signs for the moment that the Czechoslovak authorities would try to expel leading dissidents. "For the time being we have no reason to think that they might imitate the Russians' example."

The Czechoslovak Government is undertaking a big propaganda campaign aimed at internal and foreign critics. The party newspaper *Rude Pravo* said yesterday that the dissidents were "political and social shipwrecks, people who have broken all ties with the people of their own country".—Reuter.

Ministers meet to solve Africa's social problems

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Jan 9

More than 40 African ministers of social affairs as well as experts from international social welfare bodies, including the United Nations Economic Committee for Africa, and the Organization of African Unity, are to meet in Alexandria tomorrow to discuss African social problems.

Mr Mamduh Salem, the Egyptian Prime Minister, is to open the four-day meeting on behalf of President Sadat.

The conference will discuss social planning in Africa, family welfare, youth development, urbanization, industrialization and how to turn rural communities into viable economic entities.

The ministers will also discuss the advancement of feminist movements to enable them to play an effective role in African social welfare.

Social experts here point out that the majority of the least developed countries in the world are in Africa where large communities lead a frugal life exposed to poverty.

Statistics indicate that about 24 African countries have a per capita gross national product of under $200 (£117) a year.

The experts emphasize that poverty, disease and other sufferings have resulted in a short life expectancy in many African communities.

The conference is to discuss the creation of a specialized centre for social problems and human welfare in Africa as well as cooperation between African countries in exchanging experts, and in technological and social matters.

SPORT

Racing

Lanzarote graduates with honours

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

On Saturday the weather relented after all and allowed racing to take place at Sandown Park. And it will be the weather, more than anything else, that decides where Fort Devon runs this week. Fort Devon is currently the favourite in all the ante-post books to win the Gold Cup at Cheltenham in March and his trainer, Fulke Walwyn, is understandably anxious to give him as much experience as possible of jumping English fences without actually trying him too highly before Cheltenham.

Before he joined Walwyn's stable in the autumn, Fort Devon had gained all his real experience racing over timber in the United States. This week, Walwyn has two alternatives. He can either take Fort Devon to Wincanton on Thursday, or he can delay matters a day, and wait for the Green Highlander Steeplechase at Ascot.

There are two snags about going to Wincanton. First, he has already raced and won there this season, and Walwyn is keen for him to see another course. Secondly, the John Bull Steeplechase, which is the race in question at Wincanton, is only two miles and five furlongs, which is on the short side for Fort Devon. The distance of the Ascot race would undoubtedly suit him much better.

On the other hand the weather has played such fiendish tricks of late that Walwyn may decide that it is not worth the risk delaying the venture another 24 hours. If Fort Devon does head for the West Country, those who relish racing at Wincanton will have a real treat in store, because Pendil is also due to run in the John Bull Steeplechase.

So open is the Gold Cup this year that Pendil, too, could be in the line-up at Cheltenham in March, provided all goes well with him between now and then. And so could Lanzarote, his stable companion, and fellow member of what has become known as Millionaires' Row at Uplands, Fred Winter's yard in Upper Lambourn.

At Sandown Park on Saturday the former champion hurdler made what can only be described as an infinitely pleasing start to his steeplechasing career in this country. With one exception, he jumped as well as one could possibly have expected and towards the end he certainly showed that nothing has happened of late to dim either his ardour or his speed. Admittedly, Lanzarote was getting 8lb from Zarib, whom he beat eventually by two lengths, to win the Stand Novices' Steeplechase.

That suggested that his performance was nothing to write home about, yet I am inclined to believe that it was better than it might look on paper. Just before halfway, Lanzarote was almost brought to a standstill when Orillo fell right in front of him. Lanzarote will certainly be entered for the Gold Cup and Winter is also understandably anxious that he, too, should gain as much experience as possible between now and March.

The Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase was spoiled for some when Banlieu could not run. There was heat in one of his legs in the morning which left his trainer David Morley fearing that he had developed suspensory trouble. Everything had pointed to there being another battle royal between Banlieu and Zeta's Son and the stage looked set for Banlieu to get his revenge for the defeat that Zeta's Son had inflicted upon him in the Hennessy Gold Cup.

So, with Banlieu on the sidelines, the way was made easier for Zeta's Son to win yet another good prize for his owner, Michael Buckley, trainer Peter Bailey and rider Ron Barry. Zeta's Son will be entered for the Grand National, along with his stable companion, Prince Rock.

I fancy that his name will be on many a lip at Aintree, come April, especially if the ground happens to be soft there. Only for a very brief moment did Barry look remotely worried on Saturday. That was after they had jumped the Pond fence, which is the third last. But Zeta's Son responded well to pressure and it was clear that he would win as they raced towards the last fence.

Later in the day Barry had a disappointing ride in the Tolworth Hurdle on The Bo-Weevil, who failed to beat both Levaramoss and Rathconrath. Anyone who saw Levaramoss fail so dismally at Chepstow just before Christmas would not have credited him with the ability to win a race of this nature. But win he did, and now his sights are set firmly on the Triumph Hurdle which his trainer, Staff Ingham, has already won twice with Pundit and England's Glory.

Early Spring, who won the Express Handicap Steeplechase so emphatically in the end is also Cheltenham bound. His target is likely to be the Two Mile Champion Steeplechase. Probably Isle of Man and Spanish Tan cut each other's throats on Saturday which perhaps paved the way for Early Spring to win more easily than he might have done.

STATE OF GOING (official): Leicester: Hurdles, heavy, steeplechase, soft. Windsor: Hurdles, heavy, steeplechase soft. Fontwell Park: Good to soft.

Windsor programme

1.0 COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div I : novices : £430 : 2m 30yd).

1	1203	The Guvnor, W. Marshall, 5-11-8	W. Smith
2	000000-	Attractive Thief, K. Bridgewater, 6-11-0	Mr P. O'Connor 7
3	0	Conteau, M. Ryan, 6-11-0	A. Coogan 7
7	0	Merry Cricketer, A. Pitt, 7-11-0	—
8	0	Noghelli, J. Gibson, 6-11-0	M. Gibson
9	0-04	Silent Burn, T. Forster, 6-11-0	G. Thorner
10	00-0f0	Atop, D. Barons, 5-10-12	P. Leach
11	0-p	Cold Spell, S. Mellor, 5-10-12	J. Glover
12	0	Flying Dice, R. Armytage, 5-10-12	H. J. Evans
15	0	Head Walter, R. Supple, 5-10-12	T. Bridge 5
18		Lets Fly, J. Haine, 5-10-12	R. Dickin
20	002003	National Express, N. Ayliffe, 5-10-12	Mr M. Ayliffe 7
25		Royal Doon, D. Morley, 5-10-12	B. R. Davies
28	200-002	Skys the Limit, Mrs A. Oughton, 5-10-12	C. Read
29		Sorama, J. Shedden, 5-10-12	—
31		Virgin Slave, F. Walwyn, 5-10-12	K. Mooney 7
32	203-0b	Welsh Treaty, R. Carter, 5-10-12	D. Briscoe

100-30 The Guvnor, 4-1 Sky's the Limit, 5-1 Welsh Treaty, 13-2 Silent Burn, 7-1 Royal Doon, 8-1 National Express, 10-1 Virgin Slave, 14-1 Flying Dice, 16-1 others.

1.30 COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div II : novices : £417 : 2m 30yd)

1	02002-1	De Bergerac, J. Gifford, 8-11-10	M. Stanley 3
4		Blewbury Downs, J. Powney, 7-11-0	J. Jenkins
7	02	Major Role, B. Swift, 7-11-0	J. Smith 7
8	0p-00	Merchant of Venice, A. Moore, 8-11-0	Mr G. Moore 7
9	32u424	Prince Abyss, P. Arthur, 11-11-0	J. Moran 7
11	342	Waltzer, N. Ayliffe, 6-11-0	Mr M. Ayliffe 7
12		Warrior King, S. Mellor, 6-11-0	J. Glover
13	0	Bally Honey, C. Dingwall, 5-10-12	—
14	00	Beach Guard, Mrs A. Oughton, 5-10-12	C. Read
15	0-3	Caddam Wood, P. Calver, 5-10-12	A. Webber
17	00-f04	Deep Memories, T. Forster, 5-10-12	G. Thorner
19	04402-	Landing Party, S. James, 5-10-12	B. R. Davies
20	00-0300	Porto Rico, J. Gibson, 5-10-12	M. Gibson
22		Silent Town, J. Shedden, 5-10-12	—
23		Wondayle, D. Nugent, 5-10-12	S. Johar

2-1 Major Role, 3-1 De Bergerac, 5-1 Waltzer, 13-2 Landing Party, 8-1 Deep Memories, 10-1 Prince Abyss, Caddam Wood, 12-1 Warrior King, 14-1 Blewbury Downs, 20-1 others.

2.0 CASTLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £699 : 2m 5f)

2	12242-2	Tinker Boy, N. Gaselee, 11-11-11	Major D. Shaw 5
3	2-2122	Colonel Mustard, T. Forster, 9-11-8	G. Thorner
4	2111-uf	Silver Delight, S. James, 8-11-5	M. O'Halloran 5
5	3133-12	Major Owen, P. Calver, 8-10-13	A. Webber
6	1-2001p	Near and Far, D. Morley, 8-10-12	B. R. Davies
10	210f01	Cornmarket (D), C. Dingwall, 7-10-7	—
11	f2f-002	Aztec Star, S. Mellor, 6-10-7	J. Glover
13	4001-p	Mannyboy, J. Gifford, 7-10-7	M. Stanley 3
14	2-043	Good Relations, Mrs A. Oughton, 8-10-7	C. Read

11-4 Colonel Mustard, 4-1 Tinker Boy, 5-1 Silver Delight, 13-2 Major Owen, 8-1 Aztec Star, 9-1 Cornmarket, 10-1 Near and Far, 12-1 Good Relations, 14-1 Mannyboy.

2.30 SMITHS LAWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £706 : 3m)

2	211224	Village Thief (D), R. Head, 7-11-10	B. R. Davies
3	1100-p0	Ballybright (C.D), I. Dudgeon, 10-11-4	M. O'Halloran 5
5	2044-00	Nonsuch Hill (C-D), J. Bloom, 12-10-10	A. Webber
7	0ffb-01	Toy Flag, T. Forster, 10-10-8	G. Thorner
8	4f01-02	Herminius (D), Mrs N. Whitfield, 9-10-7	C. Smith 7
11	342f-4u	I'm Smart, S. Mellor, 10-10-6	S. Johar
14	0f0-pf0	Agrostis, J. Joseph, 9-10-0	Joe Guest
15	0000-pp	Star Pearl (D), G. Nicholson, 8-10-0	L. Griffiths
16	4u-pp	Bahuddin, N. Ayliffe, 9-10-0	Mr M. Ayliffe 7

11-4 Toy Flag, 3-1 Village Thief, 4-1 I'm Smart, 11-2 Herminius, 7-1 Nonsuch Hill, 8-1 Ballybright, 16-1 others.

3.0 BEARWOOD HURDLE (Handicap : £555 : 2m 30yd)

1	01-0	Talkun's Melody, T. Gosling, 6-12-3	B. Leyman 5
2	04330-b	Cabar Feidh, P. Calver, 5-11-13	A. Webber
4	0000	Ramuk's Queen, W. Marshall, 6-11-10	A. Coogan 7
6	1-00002	Princely Mark, D. Barons, 5-11-6	P. Leach
10	4140-00	Alamein, F. Winter, 6-11-3	B. Kington 3
11	31p-042	Barry John, D. Morley, 5-11-2	B. R. Davies
12	230011-	Charlie M, M. Masson, 5-11-2	J. Glover
17	314u-00	Magic Love, L. Holt, 6-10-11	R. Atkins
18	0-004p	Closed Circuit, R. Head, 7-10-10	G. Thorner
20	0p	Hustlings, Mrs D. Oughton, 8-10-9	Mr D. Oughton 7
22	1010	Hangseng, R. Supple, 5-10-8	T. Bridge 5
25	400402-	Our Wardie, J. George, 7-10-6	Mr R. Woolley
28	p-12024	*Moonstrike, P. Haslam, 5-10-5	
29	0-041p0	Bonidon, A. Moore, 8-10-0	C. Read

4-1 Cabar Feidh, 5-1 Barry John, 11-2 Princely Mark, 7-1 Alamein, 8-1 Talkun's Melody, 10-1 Ramuk's Queen, Charlie M, 10-1 Closed Circuit, 12-1 Hustlings, 20-1 others.

3.30 COMBERMERE HURDLE (Div III : novices : £427 : 2m 30yd)

1	2p010	Bob Jones, A. Moore, 8-11-10	Mr G. Moore 7
3		Baldur, S. Mellor, 6-11-0	J. Glover
4	0	Lambeth, N. Gaselee, 6-11-0	M. Floyd 5
9	00	Shepherd's Crook, P. Calver, 8-11-0	A. Webber
11	000-23	Aloha Prince, H. Westbrook, 5-10-13	S. Smith-Eccles
13	302-4	Baronet, K. Bailey, 5-10-12	R. Dickin
14	000-	Blast's Queen, K. Bridgwater, 5-10-12	Mr N. Hook 7
16	00	Charter Belle, A. Pitt, 5-10-12	I. Cox 7
17		Chasseur, H. Carter, 5-10-12	D. Briscoe
18	2003-p0	Friendly Queen, R. Atkins, 5-10-12	R. Atkins
21	00f2p-4	Lacrimally, G. Harwood, 5-10-12	C. Read
26	2	Ryhall Grange, D. Morley, 5-10-12	B. R. Davies

11-4 Ryhall Grange, 4-1 Baronet, 5-1 Bob Jones, 6-1 Lacrimally, 8-1 Friendly Queen, 9-1 Aloha Prince, 10-1 Baldur, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Windsor selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Silent Burn. 1.30 Major Role. 2.0 Colonel Mustard. 2.30 TOY FLAG is specially recommended. 3.0 Cabar Feidh. 3.30 Ryhall Grange.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.0 The Guvnor. 3.30 Ryhall Grange.

Haydock Park results

1.0: 1, Charlie Murphy (11-4); 2, Benvalla (12-1); 3, Miss Fanackapan (7-4 fav). 20 ran.

1.30: 1, Prescott (13-1); 2, Fair Kitty (16-1); 3, Listercombe (12-1). Fighting Kate 4-1 fav. 21 ran.

2.0: 1, Shifting Gold (7-1); 2, Canadius (9-2 jt fav); 3, Roystar (11-2). Glanford Brigg (9-2 jt fav). 12 ran. Zeta's Son, Andy Pandy, Capuchin and Sir Garnet did not run.

2.30: 1, Bear's Paw (2-1 fav); 2, Arctic Challenge (11-2); 3, Welton Lad (7-2). 10 ran.

3.0: 1, Blighty (100-30 fav); 2, Jockey (25-1); 3, Napazi (10-1). 25 ran.

3.30: 1, Montage (9-2); 2, Perennium (10-1); 3, Winscombe (12-1). Abide With Me 3-1 fav. 14 ran. Hunter's Gift and Quick Half did not run.

Market Rasen abandoned (frost).

Sandown Park results

12.30: 1, Kybo (11-4 jt fav); 2, Big Clive (11-4 jt fav); 3, Sunburst (9-1). 15 ran.

1.0: 1, Lanzarote (4-7 fav); 2, Zarib (5-1); 3, Tommy Tiddler (10-1). 8 ran.

1.30: 1, Yamadori (14-1); 2, Mount Irvine (11-2); 3, Just Revenge (14-1). Narribinni 9-4 fav. 13 ran. Bally Honey did not run.

2.0: 1, Zeta's Son (11-2 jt fav); 2, Carroll Street (8-1); 3, Pengrail (8-1). Top Priority 11-2 jt fav. 12 ran. Banlieu did not run.

2.30: 1, Levaramoss (9-2); 2, Rathconrath (85-40); 3, The Bo-Weevil (15-8 fav). 6 ran. Richard Grenville did not run.

3.0: 1, Early Spring (11-4 fav); 2, Isle of Man (4-1); 3, Spanish Tan (7-2). 6 ran.

3.30: 1, Grey Mountain (11-2); 2, Baronial (5-2 fav); 3, Glissando (10-1). 14 ran. Kerry Street did not run.

Leicester programme

12.15 WYMESWOLD STEEPLECHASE (Div I : novices : £641 : 2½m)

1	1pp	New Arctic, J. Gifford, 9-11-13	Mr G. Sloan
6	2002-0	*Bollown Covert, D. Barons, 8-11-6	—
11	332-4u2	Clary, C. Bewicke, 8-11-6	V. Soane
12	[illegible]	Coolishall, P. Cundell, 8-11-6	R. Champion
15	p02-0p0	Dumette, C. P.-Hoblyn, 9-11-6	J. King
16	[illegible]	Green Pound, [illegible] 7-11-6	J. Francome
20	01311-f	In Vision, A. Dickinson, 6-11-6	M. Dickinson
23	2pn	[illegible], R. Edwards, 7-11-6	Mr P. Barry 5
26	0	Nimidce, H. Collingridge, 7-11-6	I. Watkinson
28	2-	[illegible], R. [illegible], 7-11-6	R. [illegible]
33	13300-0	Posh Sarca, D. Ancil, 7-11-6	A. Turnell
35	000-010	Roley Hill, D. Nicholson, 6-11-6	R. Mangan
36	0	Silver Prince, G. Balding, 7-11-6	—
38	220-00f	Walleyes, J. Webber, 7-11-6	Mr P. Webber 7

Evens In Vision, 3-1 Green Pound, 6-1 Roley Hill, 10-1 Coolishall, 12-1 Clary, 14-1 New Arctic, 20-1 others.

12.45 NOMAD HURDLE (Div I : novices : £570 : 3m)

1	322114	The Froddler (D), J. W. Watts, 5-11-7	Mr H. Orde-Powlett 7
3	00-1230	Miss Quilp, A. Goodwill, 6-11-5	—
4	334-031	Walberswick (D), Mrs Pitman, 8-11-5	B. Smart 3
6	241	High Drama, Denys Smith, 5-11-0	N. Balmer 7
8	023-010	Zabaglione, F. Walwyn, 5-11-0	W. Smith
10	0p-0003	Belge Prince, J. Gifford, 7-10-12	R. Champion
12	000-000	Bettys Pride, M. Oliver, 7-10-12	Mr J. Worthington 7
13	000020	Bouncette, Mrs Wormall, 8-10-12	J. Holt 7
15	00p-03	Car Colston, J. Harris, 6-10-12	P. Tuck 7
17	320-400	Donnison, M. Tate, 6-10-12	R. Mann
18	05-00	Ducat, B. Thompson, 6-10-12	R. R. Evans
19	000-000	Gentle Rose, M. Oliver, 6-10-12	P. Blacker
20	0	Gone Walkabout, M. Tate, 7-10-12	Mr R. Mann 7
21	C-	Idylvice, C. P.-Hoblyn, 6-10-12	J. King
23	0-00300	[illegible], 7-10-12	Mr P. Millington 7
25	npp-000	Prince Forought, Miss Crosse, 6-10-12	B. Wright 7
26	4-0u002	Rainbow Trout, D. Wales, 7-10-12	S. McNeill 7
30	00-00	Billy Frosty, P. Felgate, 5-10-7	R. F. Davies
31	p00	Birds Well, P. Green, 5-10-7	
32	0	Daybook, J. Turner, 5-10-7	P. Salmon
33	0u	Frandante, Mrs Newton, 5-10-7	Mr J. Newton 5
34		Frank Flash, N. Hall, 5-10-7	—
36	00	Miss Rosetis, J. Bradley, 5-10-7	M. Williams
37	p000-00	Pallbearer, A. Rumsey, 5-10-7	

9-4 The Froddler, 11-4 Walberswick, 4-1 Zabaglione, 6-1 Belge Prince, High Drama, 8-1 Rainbow Trout, 12-1 others.

1.15 GOLDEN MILLER HURDLE (£1,538 : 2m)

1	p0123	Bolus Head, F. Rimell, 6-11-12	R. O'Donovan 7
2	b4-2112	Valiant Charger (D), F. Winter, 6-11-12	J. Francome
3	2-02033	Listen Here, R. Turnell, 6-11-7	E. Waite 7
4	02	Richard Grenville, J. Gifford, 6-11-7	J. King
5	2101	Supreme Vista (D), B. Richmond, 4-11-3	A. Turnell
7	2f0	Barline, P. Allingham, 4-10-7	S. Hives 7
8	p000	Heavenly Harvest, J. Leigh, 4-10-7	T. Stack

7-4 Valiant Charger, 9-4 Bolus Head, 11-4 Richard Grenville, 5-1 Supreme Vista, 14-1 others.

1.45 BREEDON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £974 : 3m)

5	33-3111	Bighorn (C-D), C. Miller, 13-11-6	D. Cartwright
6	10-0040	Sonny Somers, F. Winter, 15-11-6	J. Francome
10	0-01310	Royal Thrust (D), F. Rimell, 8-10-12	S. Morshead
11	p3000-0	Pattered (C-D), A. Dickinson, 11-10-6	M. Dickinson
12	022f32	Mister Know All, J. Gifford, 8-10-4	Mr G. Sloan
18	fp-3044	Lovejoy, Thomson Jones, 7-10-0	I. Watkinson
19	0-p0123	Honest Lawyer (D), G. Vergette, 13-10-0	P. Kelly 5
23	1332-00	Coolaru, W. A. Stephenson, 11-10-0	T. Stack
24	243-043	Chanter Mark (C-D), H. Nicholson, 10-10-0	Mr D. Darling 7
25		Portrag (D), D. Thom, 10-10-0	—

2-1 Bighorn, 7-2 Royal Thrust, 4-1 Pattered, 6-1 Honest Lawyer, 8-1 Mister Know All, 10-1 Sonny Somers, 12-1 others.

2.15 WYMESWOLD STEEPLECHASE (Div II : novices : £799 : 2½m)

6	p30	Ancient Times, G. Vergette, 9-11-6	P. Kelly 5
7	010-432	Approaching, J. Gifford, 6-11-6	R. Champion
10	p-00004	Charlotte Pancake, M. Scudamore, 6-11-6	—
13	3-0044f	County Clare, R. Cooper, 8-11-6	—
14	3p	Dancing Brig, P. Cundell, 6-11-6	R. R. Evans
17	20-041u	Everything, D. Nicholson, 6-11-6	J. Suthern
19	0000-00	Hindhope, Mrs Hogg, 7-11-6	P. Mangan
21	0402-04	King Bruce, F. Winter, 7-11-6	J. Francome
22	0004-0u	Lord Blue, S. Norton, 6-11-6	J. T. Bourke
27	420-003	Noble Beauty, T. Marshall, 6-11-6	C. Brown 5
30	4-b0340	Parietto, R. Peacock, 6-11-6	R. Crank
32		Pinchario, H. Collingridge, 6-11-6	I. Watkinson
34	003-0uf	Rep, M. Tate, 7-11-6	R. Mann
37	pu	Tarriman, J. Bradley, 9-11-6	I. Watkinson

7-4 Approaching, 3-1 Everything, 7-2 King Bruce, 9-2 Dancing Brig, 10-1 Pinchario, 14-1 others.

2.45 GROBY STEEPLECHASE (Maidens : £583 : 2m)

1	043	Charming Scot, E. Magner, 6-11-9	Miss A. Harvey 7
3		Clover Cottage, R. Edwards, 6-11-9	Mr P. Barry 5
4	00-03f4	Flittermere, R. Peacock, 6-11-9	S. J. O'Neill 7
7		Super Kit, R. Edwards, 6-11-9	Mr M. Brisbourne 7
9	0p00	Tiber Bank, E. Courage, 6-11-9	Mr J. Butchard 7
11	00000-4	Val King, M. Maughan, 6-11-9	A. Bowker 5
13	000	Freedom's Fee, E. Courage, 5-11-0	J. Barlow 5
14	0uf0f	Kevin's Slipper, W. Wharton, 5-11-0	J. Nolan
16	0400-00	Marmalade, G. Balding, 5-11-0	R. Linley
17	0-000	Oldtimer, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-0	P. Barton

5-2 Charming Scot, 3-1 Marmalade, 7-2 Flittermere, 5-1 Oldtimer, 7-2 Freedom's Fee, 12-1 Val King, 16-1 others.

3.15 NOMAD HURDLE (Div II : part I : novices : £472 : 3m)

6	20-0041	Vale Mist, W. Burchell, 6-11-5	J. King
7	033-341	Modesty Forbids, J. Gifford, 6-11-0	R. Champion
12	00	Broken Siesta, H. Littlewood, 6-10-12	S. Morshead
16	2034-02	Crack O'Doon, J. Edwards, 6-10-12	P. Blacker
20	00p40p	Glaize, M. Scudamore, 7-10-12	—
24	ff-0	Kirkee, D. Ringer, 7-10-12	Mr J. Jiggens 7
29		Preston Belle, M. Oliver, 9-10-13	Mr R. Lalor 7
31	03	Rutford, S. Nattriss, 6-10-12	K. McCauley
35	43-f	Vulcilles Treasure, Denys Smith, 6-10-12	T. Stack
39	0	Grinling Gibbons, G. Vergette, 5-10-7	Mr G. Vergette 7
42	000-040	Jim Colner, B. Thompson, 5-10-7	R. R. Evans
45	00	Miss Toso, B. Murphy, 5-10-7	Mr A. Wilson
48	p	Peter's Treasure, D. Gandolfo, 5-10-7	P. Barton
50	0-00	Scoupee, Miss Crooks, 5-10-7	M. Lowry
51	p00	The Suckley Squire, M. Tate, 5-10-7	R. Mann

15-8 Modesty Forbids, 3-1 Grinling Gibbons, 9-2 Crack O'Doon, 8-1 Jim Colner, Vale Mist, 12-1 Glaize, 14-1 Vulcilles Treasure, 20-1 others.

3.45 NOMAD HURDLE (Div II : part II : novices : £472 : 3m)

9	0	Alexander Donnelly, C. Miller, 6-10-12	D. Cartwright
11	0	Benfro Belle, J. Gifford, 8-10-12	R. Champion
14	00-0422	Cattle King, Denys Smith, 6-10-12	T. Stack
15	000-	Court Shade, D. Greig, 7-10-12	—
18	04f	Fair Maize, F. Gilman, 7-10-12	T. Casey
19	u03-030	Fiorn Go Lightly, M. Tate, 6-10-12	R. Mann
23	f-00240	Honeymoor, F. Devor, 6-10-12	F. Leavy
25	p-0	Lightening Tree, A. Rumsey, 6-10-12	I. Watkinson
32	4-30000	Sarouk, H. Morris, 6-10-12	R. R. Evans
41	f4f	Holly Tree, J. Thorne, 5-10-7	P. Hobbs
44	30	Mayumbe, M. Pipe, 5-10-7	J. King
46	000	Misty Joanne, S. Underhill, 5-10-7	N. Kernick
47	123f	Owen Money, M. Oliver, 5-10-7	P. Blacker
49	0f0	Pipe Lass, D. Gandolfo, 5-10-7	P. Barton
52	00-b020	Turasco, J. Spearing, 5-10-7	Mr G. McCourt 7

5-4 Cattle King, 4-1 Honeymoor, 5-1 Mayumbe, 6-1 Owen Money, 8-1 Holly Tree, 12-1 Turasco, 14-1 others.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
12.15 In Vision. 12.45 The Froddler. 1.15 Valiant Charger. 1.45 Bighorn. 2.15 APPROACHING is specially recommended. 2.45 Tiber Bank. 3.15 Modesty Forbids. 3.45 Cattle King.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
12.45 Miss Quilp. 1.45 Lovejoy.

Skiing

New champion helps Scots win club event

Sauze d'Oulx, Jan 8.—The Scottish Ski Club, headed by Ross Blyth, the new British Alpine junior champion, today won an international club tournament here at the end of the British championships. The SSC, with a team made up of the 15-year-old Ross from Balerno, Midlothian, Bruce Simpson, from Jordanhill College, Glasgow, and Alan White, from George Heriot's, Edinburgh, took the honours with a total time of 225.21sec for the giant slalom.

The slalom was held on the 2.3-kilometre Moncro slope, with a vertical drop of 2,000ft and 54 gates. Second in the international club competition were the local ski club, Sportina, with a total time of 257.26sec. Third were the Alpbach Visitors' Ski Club, in 262.73, with Martin Wright, from Helsby County Grammar School in Tarvin, Chester, Christina Jochum, the new girls' champion, and Clive Stanton, from Maidenhead, Berkshire.

At a prize-giving ceremony here last night Ross Blyth was awarded the Walter Hutchinson Cup for boys, the Ski Club of Great Britain (SCGB) Salver and the Brand Ski School Cup for the giant slalom. Christina Jochum was awarded the Walter Hutchinson Cup for girls, the SCGB Salver for girls and the Lappin Salver for the giant slalom.

Heidegger wins by smallest possible margin

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Jan 9.—Klaus Heidegger, of Austria, narrowly achieved his first World Cup victory in a giant slalom in this South Bavarian resort today. Heidegger, a 19-year-old, finished the two legs of the course a mere one-hundreth of a second in front of the Olympic champion, Heini Hemmi, of Switzerland, and nine-tenths of a second ahead of Willy Frommelt, of Liechtenstein.

Fifth after the first run, he set such a rapid pace on the second stage that the World Cup holder, Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, fell trying to keep up. His winning margin is the smallest calculable in Alpine skiing and is equivalent to the length of a ski tip. The victory lifted him to third place in the men's standings with 70 points, five behind the leader, Franz Klammer, also of Austria.

RESULTS: 1, K. Heidegger (Austria), 3mins 32.29secs; 2, H. Hemmi (Switzerland), 3:32.30; 3, W. Frommelt (Liechtenstein), 3:23.19; 4, P. Mahre (US), 3:23.55; 5, H. Hinterseer (Austria), 3:25.18; 6, A. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 3:25.38; 7, M. Sochor (Czechoslovakia), 3:25.47; 8, E. Pargaetzi (Switzerland), 3:25.09; 9, P. Gros (Italy), 3:26.25; 10, C. Hemmi (Switzerland), 3:26.96. Giant slalom standings: 1, H. Hemmi 70 pts; 2, Heidegger 59; 3, Mahre 51; 4, Gros 41; 5, Stenmark 29; 6, C. Hemmi 23; 7, Frommelt 21; 8, Hinterseer 20.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, F. Klammer (Austria), 75 pts; 2, H. Hemmi, 73; 3, Heidegger, 70; 4, Gros, 64; 5, Stenmark, 64; 6, Mahre, 51; 7, G. Thoeni (Italy), 44; 8, B. Russi (Switzerland), 37; 9, F. Radici (Italy), 33; 10, W. Tresch (Switzerland) and Frommelt, 29.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Andermatt	45	165	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud	-5
Good skiing on all slopes							
Arosa	85	100	Good	Heavy	Good	Snow	-7
Good skiing, poor light							
Avoriaz	100	180	Good	Varied	Fair	Cloud	-3
Good skiing above 2,000m							
Grindelwald	15	70	Good	Varied	Fair	Snow	-3
Icy patches becoming covered							
Klosters	80	120	Good	Fair	Good	Cloud	-2
Good snow on all pistes							
La Plagne	65	160	Good	Crust	Good	Cloud	-5
Good skiing on pistes							
Isola 2000	240	330	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-2
Powder snow on hard base							
Mürren	75	105	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	-5
Good skiing, some worn patches							
Tignes	65	165	Good	Varied	Good	Cloud	-4
Good skiing on pistes							
Zermatt	25	100	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	0
Excellent skiing conditions							

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Most main runs complete, surface icy. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas, surface icy. Vertical runs: 1,300ft. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: Main runs complete, surface icy. Lower slopes, ample nursery areas, surface icy. Vertical runs, 1,000ft. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 2,000ft. Glencoe: Main runs complete, surface icy. Lower slopes, all runs complete, surface icy. Vertical runs, 1,300ft. Access roads, clear. Snow level, 2,300ft.

Skiing

GARMISCH — PARTENKIRCHEN, W Germany: World Cup, downhill: 1, F. Klammer (Austria), 2min 03.63sec; 2, E. Winkler (Austria), 2:05.38; 3, P. Wirnsberger (Austria), 2:04.15; 4, B. Russi (Switzerland), 2:04.96; 5, S. Walcher (Austria), 2:05.12; 6 (equal), K. Anderson (US), and M. Veith (W Germany), 2:05.24. GB placings: 37, K. Bartelski, 2:08.39; 56, A. Stewart, 2:13.05. World Cup standings: Klammer, 75 pts; P. Gros (Italy), 62; I. Stenmark (Sweden) and H. Hemmi (Switzerland), 54; K. Heidegger (Austria), 46; G. Thoeni (Italy), 44.

LES GETS: European Cup: Women's slalom: 1, P. Emonet (France), 1min 31.54sec (45.46sec + 46.08); 2, P. Behr (W Germany), 1:31.96 (46.12 + 45.84); 3, R. Sackl (Austria), 1:32.26 (45.21 + 47.05); 4, M. Zechmeister (W Germany), 1:32.50; 5, M. Berwein (W Germany), 1:32.60; 6, M. Schaffen (Austria), 1:33.01. Giant slalom: 1, L.-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 1min 33.41sec; 2, P. Emonet, 1:36.23; 3, C. Kinshofer (W Germany), 1:36.88; 4, R. Mosenlechner (W Germany), 1:37.20; 5, I. Eberle (Austria), 1:37.32; 6, I. S.-Groiner (Austria), 1:37.52.

Motor racing

Scheckter enjoys unscheduled victory after Hunt crashes

From A Special Correspondent
Buenos Aires, Jan 9

Scheckter: His win puts him six months ahead of his programme.

Jody Scheckter, of South Africa, is running about six months ahead of his schedule. When he announced four months ago that *he had switched from the Elf* Tyrrell team to Walter Wolf, the Canadian oil millionaire, he said that he expected to *pick* up world championship points for consistent driving early in the season, and start to win *races in* the second half of it.

His victory in the Argentine Grand Prix, in searing heat and *before a crowd of almost* 50,000 people, came after one by one the front runners fell by the wayside. Scheckter paced both himself and his new Wolf-Ford well, and took the lead after John Watson retired his Alfa Romeo-engined Martini Brabham with 12 of the 53 laps to go. He went on to finish comfortably ahead of Carlos Pace *in the second* Brabham, and the *local* driver, Carlos Reutemann, who switched from Brabham late last year to Ferrari, alongside Niki Lauda.

For much of the race the lead was shared between Watson, who had started from the front row of the grid beside James Hunt, and passed his Marlboro McLaren *seconds after the race began*. As the cars accelerated away on their first lap of the 3.6-mile circuit, Lauda, who had shared the second row with Patrick Depailler, slipped his Ferrari into third place, with Mario Andretti in the new Lotus-built John Player Special right on his tail. Andretti had been forced to drive Gunnar Nilsson's car after *his* own had been damaged too badly in practice—by an exploding fire extinguisher—to be repaired in time for the race. This reduced the number of starters to 20.

Watson led for the first 11 laps. but under increasing pressure from Hunt, who then went past into first place as Andretti moved up to displace Lauda from *third position*. Shortly afterwards Jochen Mass also moved ahead of Lauda, and it was clear that Lauda was losing ground. Later he stopped at the pits and gave up after 25 laps with a severe engine vibration.

By half-distance Hunt had built a 15sec lead over Watson, and *with Mass now third, another good* Argentina result for the McLaren team, who had won the previous two grands prix there, seemed assured. Then suddenly everything went wrong for the team. First Mass spun off on lap 29 and abandoned his car, and two laps later Hunt's car ran wide as he tried to straighten up from a hairpin and crashed into a barrier. The world champion was uninjured, but his car was badly damaged and he was out of the race.

As Hunt walked back to the pits, Watson regained the lead, *with his teammate, Pace, supporting* him in second place. It was far and away the best performance yet by the Brabham team since they had switched to Alfa Romeo engines.

But the race was not yet over. As Scheckter increased his pressure (he had been running a steady seventh early in the race) Watson began to slow, and after dropping to second place he had to abandon after 41 laps. Andretti, meanwhile, had found a way past Pace, and seemed set for second place when his engine started smoking and he had to abandon on the penultimate lap—another victim of the intense heat.

It was a case of the survival of the fittest. Consistent driving earned an encouraging third place for Reutemann in his first drive for his new team, while a fourth-place finish for Emerson Fittipaldi was a reward for his patience during the thin time he has had to endure since joining the Copersucar team. Andretti was classified fifth, and the final point, for sixth place, went to Clay Regazzoni, having his first drive in a car powered by the Cosworth Ford DFV engine, a power unit which has now won 97 grands prix.

ARGENTINE GRAND PRIX: 1. J. Scheckter (Wolf-Ford), 1hr 40min 11.19sec, 118.40 mph; 2. C. Pace (Brabham-Alfa Romeo), 1hr 40min 51.43sec; 3. C. Reutemann (Ferrari), 1hr 40min 57.21sec; 4. E. Fittipaldi (Copersucar Fittipaldi-Ford), 1hr 41min 6.67sec; 5. M. Andretti (JPS Lotus-Ford), 51 laps; 6. C. Regazzoni (Ensign-Ford), 51 laps; 7. V. Brambilla (Surtees-Ford), 48 laps; 8. I. Scheckter (March-Ford), 45 laps; 9. T. Pryce (Shadow-Ford), 45 laps; 10. J. Watson (Brabham), 41 laps. *Still running but unclassified:* J. Laffite (Ligier-Matra), 37 laps.

Cross-country

Ford shows fine form in Surrey race

Bernard Ford, the reigning English champion, underlined his fine cross-country form with another Surrey county victory at Richmond Park, on Saturday. Ford, aged 24, *a Feltham income tax officer*, stormed home a clear winner from Roger Tredwell, covering the hilly 7½ mile course in 38 min 47sec. Ford, who is set on making a big challenge for the international title later this winter, prepared for Saturday's race by running 10 miles in training before lunch.

David Black, a former national champion, from Small Heath, had a much tougher battle at Coventry, where he had to fight off a spirited challenge from David Moorcroft, of the home club. The two internationals ran side by side for three of the four laps of a six-mile race and Black had to produce a spurt over the last mile *to claim his three-second winning* margin.

Despite a heavy cold, Tony Simmons, who led England's team success in last year's international, dashed home well clear of club colleagues David Lockley and Christopher Stebbings in the Bedfordshire championship, at Ampthill.

Alwyn Dewhirst, of Airedale, celebrated his 25th birthday a day early when he won the Yorkshire title at Sheffield. Geoffrey Smith, aged 23, from Liverpool, who finished 33rd last year, won the Lancashire title, at St Helen's.

Barry Smith, of Thurrock, retained his Essex title by moving *clear of Andy Patton* over the last mile on a woody, undulating Chigwell course. Another international, Jon Wigley, took an early lead on his way to winning the Kent championship, at Dartford.

David Bedford, the world 10,000 metres record holder, made his first competitive appearance after a long lay-off when he finished eighth in the Middlesex championship, at Cockfosters. Bedford, aged 27, has been out of action because of a hamstring injury, but after the race his coach, Bob Parker, said: "Things seemed to go OK, but at the moment David obviously is not running under any pressure. When you have been out of action for almost two years it takes a long time to get back to the top." The race was won by Bedford's Shaftesbury club colleagues Hugh Starkey, in 38min 55sec.

Results of Saturday's championships were:

BEDFORDSHIRE (7½ miles): 1. A. Simmons (Luton United AC), 41:7; 2. D. Lockley (Luton United AC), 31:38; 3. C. Stebbings (Luton United AC), 32:26. Team: 1. Luton United AC, 16 pts.

BERKSHIRE (7 miles): 1. G. Stevens (Reading AC), 35min 15sec; 2. D. Latter (Bracknell AC), 35:53; 3. G. Biscoe (Reading AC), 35:58. Team: 1. Reading AC, 22 pts.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (6½ miles): 1. B. Lamkin (Windsor, Slough and Eton AC), 36min 41sec; 2. G. Rimmer (RAF Halton), 36.59; 3. M. Price (Windsor, Slough and Eton AC), 37.23. *Team:* 1. *Milton Keynes AC*, 88 pts.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (7½ miles): 1. J. Wild (Cambridge and Coleridge AC), 37min 34sec; 2. Grenville Tuck (Cambridge and Coleridge AC), 37.46; 3. Graham Tuck (Cambridge and Coleridge AC), 37:48. Team: 1. Cambridge and Coleridge AC, 23 pts.

CHESHIRE: 1, D Lindsey (Wirral); 2. A. Blinston (Altrincham); 3, D. Bremman (Warrington). Team: 1. Altrincham, 85pts.

ESSEX (7½ miles): 1. B. Smith (Thurrock H), 40min 41sec; 2. A. Patten (Ilford AC), 40:55; 3. S. Barr (Thurrock H), 41.31. Team: 1. Thurrock H, 65pts.

HAMPSHIRE (7½ miles): 1. M. Coupland (Southampton and Eastleigh AC), 38min 9sec; 2. N. Jeffery (Southampton and Eastleigh AC), 38:21; 3. R. Brown (Bournemouth AC), 38:48. Team: 1. Portsmouth AC, 52 pts.

HERTFORDSHIRE (7½ miles): 1. K. Dumpleton (Verlea AC), 39min 41sec; 2. A. Ross (Verlea AC), 39:44; 3. S. Lowe (Watford H), 40:10. Team: 1. Verlea AC, 26 pts.

KENT (7½ miles): 1. J. Wigley (Invicta AC), 39.17; 2. M. Brameld (Invicta AC), 39:58; 3. R. Newble (Invicta AC), 40.13. Team: 1. Invicta AC, 47 pts.

LANCASHIRE: 1. G. Smith (Liverpool); 2. C. Harrison (Stretford); 3. J. Calvert (Blackburn).

MIDDLESEX (7½ miles): 1. H. Starkey (Shaftesbury H), 38min 55sec; 2. J. Sheridan (Thames Valley H), 39:06; 3. P. Morell (Haringey and Southgate AC), 39:14. Team: 1. Thames Valley H, 60pts.

OXFORDSHIRE (8 miles): 1. J. Hazelden (Thames H and H), 46.29; 2. P. Flavel (Oxford City AC), 47.6; 3. H. Almann (RMCS Shrivenham), 47:59.

SURREY (7½ miles): 1. B. Ford (Aldershot Farnham and District AC), 38min 47sec; 2. R. Treadwell (Surrey Beagles), 39:6; 3. P. Eales (Mitcham AC), 39:40. Team: 1. Aldershot Farnham and District AC, 70pts.

SUSSEX (7½ miles): 1. S. Ovett (Brighton and Hove), 37min 32sec; 2. P. Standing (Windsor), 39:10; 3. M. Paterson (Brighton and Hove), 39:42. Teams: 1. Brighton and Hove, 48pts.

WARWICKSHIRE (6 miles): 1. D. Black (Small Heath), 31min 9sec; 2. D. Moorcroft (Coventry Godiva), 31:12; 3. J. King (Small Heath), 32.9. Team: 1. Coventry Godiva, 41pts.

YORKSHIRE: 1. A. Dewhurst (Airedale); 2. R. Bailey (Sheffield); 3. G. Ellis (Holmfirth).

Tennis

Tanner serves 12 aces in Australian open victory

Melbourne, Jan 9.—Roscoe Tanner, of the United States, took only 83 minutes to win the Australian open championship today. The 25-year-old second seed *powered his way to victory* over the top seed, Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3, for his first big title.

Tanner is now the only player who can win this year's "grand slam" and although he had his sights set on Wimbledon, he must decide whether to play in the French open which he does not regard as good preparation for Wimbledon. However, after the match, Tanner said that he would "probably play in the French open. In the past, guys who have won the French title have been dead for Wimbledon", he added.

Tanner served a dozen aces against Vilas who, in spite of his masterly returns and lobs, was never allowed to settle. Vilas was in trouble as his serve faltered and Tanner took a 5—1 lead in the first set before Vilas achieved his only break of the match.

Vilas lost his last chance when he double-faulted to give Tanner a crucial break and lead 5—3 in *the third set. Vilas said:* "There's not much you can do when he's getting all his first serves in."

It was the first time since he was overwhelmed by Ilie Nastase in the Stockholm Masters last year that anyone had played so dominantly against him, he added. It was the first time since 1912 that no Australian contested the men's singles final. On that occasion, Parke, of England, beat Beamish, of Ireland.

In contrast, the women's final was contested between two Australians. Kerry Reid won her home title for the first time, defeating Dianne Fromholtz in straight sets, 7—5, 6—2.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Semi-final round: R. Tanner (US) beat K. Rosewall, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4, 6—1; G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Alexander, 6—4, 1—6, 6—3, 6—4. *Final:* Tanner beat Vilas, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3. Women's singles: Semi-final round: Mrs K. Reid beat Miss H. Gourlay, 6—2, 1—6, 6—3; Miss D. Fromholtz beat Miss K. Krantzcke, 7—6, 6—4. Final: Mrs Reid beat Miss Fromholtz, 7—5, 6—2. Men's doubles: Semi-final round: A. Roche and A. Ashe (US) beat R. Case and G. Masters, 7—6, 5—7, 6—3; C. Pasarell (US) and E. van Dillen (US) beat Tanner and Rosewall, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4, 6—1. Final: Roche and Ashe beat Pasarell and van Dillen, 6—4, 6—4. Women's doubles: Semi-final round: Miss Fromholtz and Miss Gourlay beat Miss J. O'Neill and Miss L. Bowrey, 6—4, 6—3; Mrs Reid and Miss Nagelson beat Miss B. *Kruddell and Miss J. Young*, 6—3, 6—4. Final: Miss Fromholtz and Miss Gourlay beat Mrs Reid and Miss Nagelson, 5—7, 6—1, 7—5.

Hockey

RAF's victory should lift them for quarter-final

By Sydney Friskin

Bedfordshire 1 RAF 3

A well-balanced and extremely fit hockey side representing the Royal Air Force achieved a good win over Bedfordshire at Wardown Park, Luton yesterday. As a build up to their county championship quarter-final match against Suffolk on January 23, the RAF have two more matches to play, one against Nottinghamshire next Sunday, the other against Cambridge University on January 19.

One could see the sense in the RAF wanting to play Bedfordshire because this was the side who was just beaten by Suffolk in the county championship. So it was surprising to see Bedfordshire three goals down before half time. It must be said that they were without three of their best players, Ganesh, Daved and Benwara Singh, who are on holiday in India: but the RAF, too, missed the services of Duerden, who was injured on Saturday, Old, Bales and Headley, who were not available. They could be a difficult side to beat when these reinforcements arrive.

Under the skilful leadership of Aldrich in the rear, the RAF began their campaign with Marshall converting a penalty stroke in the third minute.

Five minutes later he scored from a short corner. Then, after Sharma had missed the mark from a difficult angle, Bedfordshire were in trouble again when some loose defensive play enabled Lawless to score the third goal in the 20th minute.

Bedfordshire's full backs, Hodge and Blake, who was playing his 100th match for his county, began to send Kavanagh through the gaps to start what seemed to be a Bedfordshire revival. A lively run and a good centre from the right by Thornhill led to a well taken goal by Richardson shortly before half time.

Bedfordshire began the second half well by forcing two short corners and lost a good chance soon after with Richardson mishitting in front of goal. Lawless, on the left wing, did most of the running for the RAF, whose best chance in this half was when Bates had a shot well smothered by the Bedfordshire goalkeeper. The exchanges were fairly even after this.

BEDFORDSHIRE: A. Stevens (Bedford); M. Hodge (Bedfordshire Eagles), M. Blake (Bedfordshire Eagles, captain), M. Kavanagh (Bedfordshire Eagles), T. Machin (Bedford), H. Dharmi (Bedfordshire Eagles), P. Ellis (Bedfordshire Eagles), T. Sharma (Bedfordshire Eagles), C. Thornhill (Bedfordshire Eagles), J. Ashford (Bedfordshire Eagles), J. Richardson (Bedford).

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Cpl D. Doyle; Sgt F. E. Aldrich (captain), APO I. Draper, F/O R. Bennett, F/O G. Marshall, J/Tech I. Clinton, F/Lieut J. van Ree, F/Lieut P. Howells, Cpl R. Bates, Cpl S. Sidhu, Sgt C. Lawless.

Umpires: F/Sgt R. Pope (Combined Services) and B. Page (Bedfordshire).

Scots still out on their own

By Sydney Friskin

The point about Scotland's triumph in the British indoor hockey championship at Cardiff on Saturday is that none of the other three home countries seem to be catching up with the Scots. One of the reasons is that Scotland have the greatest facilities, Wales and Ireland, the least.

Apart from that, it is a matter of specialization. Twenty years ago the Germans recognized indoor hockey not only as a fascinating sport but also a valuable component of the outdoor game, which accounts for the fact that no country playing indoor hockey has yet caught up with them. In a game as fast as this (20 minutes each way) it is difficult to recover ground once defensive errors enable the opposition to get far ahead.

England, in their deciding match against Scotland, were so defensively entangled that by the time the first half ended it did not matter whether they were playing Scotland or the Pirates of Penzance. With McLean and Coventry doing the front running and Stob*bie popping in the goals for* Scotland, England were nine down early in the second half. In spite of their sudden resurgence of energy they couldn't catch up and lost 11—6.

So, the losing sides are left to ponder the consequences. Much of the damage can be repaired when England take on Scotland and Belgium at Sobells, London, on January 28 and when England and Wales play West Germany at Whitchurch Sports Centre, Bristol, on February 26 and 27. England's only consolation at Cardiff was that Barrett was top scorer with 14 goals, four ahead of Stobbie, of Scotland. Gregg was easily the best of the Irish and Foulks, the pick of the Welsh.

RESULTS: Wales 3, England 0; Scotland 8, Ireland 4; Wales 1, Scotland 10; England 10, Ireland 4; Wales 8, Ireland 7, Scotland 11, England 6.

FINAL PLACINGS: 1. Scotland 6pts; 2. England 4; 3. Wales 2; 4. Ireland 0.

Rugby Union

England use Richmond to develop team spirit

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The England XV to meet Scotland at Twickenham next Saturday spent the weekend training in London and, at the end of it, after *the Esher club had produced some* genuine opposition at Richmond, Sandy Sanders, the chairman of the selectors, said he was wholly satisfied with the preparations. "The purpose of our get together was to develop team spirit and understanding and, in that respect, it has been a great success."

Yesterday's activities at Rich*mond Athletic Club were conducted* by the coach, Peter Colston, in the absence of the Moseley stand-off, Martin Cooper. He developed a mild temperature on Saturday and a feeling of "rubber in his legs". Hignell, whose rib cartilage was injured in the first trial—since when he has not played a match, apart from five minutes on the *field in one of the Cambridge* University games on their tour of Italy—came through the practice without complaint.

Fran Cotton, who has had shoulder trouble, also looked to be fully restored to fitness. The new scrum half, Malcolm Young, and a lock, Nigel Horton, retired with minor ailments and Nigel French, a reserve centre, missed the training with a hamstring strain. Last week I reported Young—taking the Gosforth programme as my authority—as having just celebrated his 29th birthday. It appears, however, that he will not now see the age of 30 again.

Mr Sanders made the obvious point that, more than ever in the present state of England's fortunes, the result of the first international was important. "I do not hold", he said, "with any suggestion that recent England sides have not been wholly proud to wear the white jersey. We English can be reticent. In this respect, certainly, I have no doubts about the latest team which I consider to be a purposeful combination, with a lot of character in it".

During the weekend the England party studied film of recent matches against Scotland and Wales, which emphasized again how generous England have been in giving away unnecessary points. "I see nothing negative", Mr Sanders observed, "in choosing a side that, we hope, will make it more difficult for our opponents to score." He added enough to suggest that if things went well against Scotland, Roger Uttley, the new captain, would be given the job for the rest of the season.

I asked him why Tony Neary, the previous captain and winner of 32 caps, had not been given the chance to defend his position at flank forward in a trial. "The selectors", he replied, "looked at the new objectives set, and they could not see him fulfilling a part in their plans. There comes a time when a player who has given great service to his country must realize that he cannot go on for ever".

The Welsh team to play Ireland at Cardiff next Saturday trained at Aberavon yesterday afternoon without their scrum half, Gareth Edwards, of Cardiff, and a centre, Ray Gravell, of Llanelli. Both are doubtful for the international after injuries in the Welsh Cup match between Cardiff and Llanelli and will receive daily treatment.

The chairman of the Welsh selectors, Keith Rowlands, said: "We are not making any changes at the moment. We will wait until Thursday before finalizing the team. It will give the injured players a chance to recover and possibly prove their fitness."

Edwards, who has appeared 45 times consecutively for Wales, had a recurrence of a niggling hamstring injury and left the field during the Cup match. Gravell injured a shoulder. The Welsh selectors have brought in a scrum half, Alun Lewis, of London Welsh and Cambridge University, together with the centres David Burcher, the Newport captain, and Roy Bergiers, of Llanelli. They will take part in Thursday's workout at Bridgend.

Wales can be unhinged in the scrummages

By Nicholas Keith

Oh, to be *in friendly*, fervent Cardiff now that January is here. With the international champion*ship on the near horizon, the ques*tion is: can Wales be knocked off their perch? The omens were generally bad for the other Home countries at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday when Cardiff came from behind in a thrilling Welsh Cup tie to upset Llanelli, who have held the trophy for the past four seasons.

Trailing by 12—0 at half-time, Cardiff scored four tries in the second half when Llanelli were pounded by the sort of barrage which must be beyond their usual ken. Not surprisingly, local opinion was that this was the best match seen at the Arms Park this season and Cardiff fully de*served their victory by three goals*, a try and a penalty goal (25 points) to a goal and three penalties (15). This revival was the more remarkable because Cardiff were without Gareth Edwards for the last 30 minutes and they afforded themselves the luxury of seven missed penalties.

There is a feline quality about Welsh rugby: in its contrasting moods, it can be cool and calculating or fierce and fiery. These moods were reflected by Llanelli and Cardiff respectively on Saturday.

Scouts from the other championship countries would have noted that the distinguished Llanelli three-quarter line was reduced to impotence in the second half by the power of Cardiff's scrummaging—a simple message but a hard one to put into effect.

Even Bennett, who had kicked immaculately in the first half, lost his composure and missed two kickable penalties within two *minutes at the beginning* of the last quarter. J. J. Williams, who did not look fully attuned, made little impression and Gravell went off at the same time as Edwards, who had already shown Cardiff the way in his inimitably rugged style.

Cardiff's pack was magnificent. Quinnell may have considered himself unlucky not to have been selected for the Welsh team on Saturday, but he was outplayed by Robinson and, for an Englishman, it was comforting to see such a spirited all-round display by Nelmes at prop, one position where England are strong. It was Nelmes, incredibly, who appeared on Gerald Davies's left after a typical 50-yard, side-stepping run by the wing, to score the second try which gave Cardiff the lead.

In the first half Cardiff's backs had always looked sharper, but Llanelli had scored the points. Twice Cardiff came perilously close to scoring a try: Edwards did cross the line but he was unable to ground the ball. While Cardiff were missing five penalties, Bennett kicked two *goals and converted a try by Owen* under the posts.

Cardiff's resurgence began in the first minute of the second half when Camilleri seized on a loose ball, hacked over the line and won the race for the touch-down. Gerald Davies missed a penalty before converting another and then came Nelmes's try. Murphy, who had a good match at centre, kicked ahead for Camilleri to run onto a friendly bounce for the third try, converted by Gerald Davies.

After Bennett's two failures, Griffiths missed another penalty for Cardiff. Finally, Gareth Davies completed a competent afternoon at stand-off half with a try under the posts from a pass by John Davies, who, rather than Brynmor Williams, was deputizing for Edwards, and capably at that.

To sum up, the key to the Welsh padlock on the championship lies in the scrummage. Whether or not England, Ireland, Scotland or *France can exert the sort of* pressure on Wales with which Cardiff stifled Llanelli is another matter. Wales also have unresolved doubts about the fitness of Edwards, Gravell, J. J. Williams and Gerald Davies. Clearly they will wait until the last possible moment hoping that all these players will be fit. However, Wales have such strength in every position that they do not need to worry unduly with players like Bevan, and Clive and Elgan Rees waiting in the wings, not to mention Finlayson, who had a fine match.

CARDIFF: M. Owen; T. G. R. Davies (captain), M. Murphy, A. Finlayson, C. Camilleri; G. Davies, G. Edwards (sub J. Davies); B. Nelmes (sub M. Knill), A. Phillips, G. Wallace, I. Robinson, C. Smith, T. Worgan, R. Dudley-Jones, R. Lane.

LLANELLI: C. Griffiths; J. J. Williams, R. Gravell (sub A. Hill), R. Bergiers, D. Nicholas; P. Bennett, S. Williams; C. Thomas, H. Thomas, B. Llewellyn, D. Quinnell, P. May, R. Hindman, S. Thomas, H. Jenkins.

Referee: C. Norling (Swansea).

Price a young Welshman who should go far

By Tom Cooban

The Welsh Schools 19 group win over Yorkshire Schools at Otley on Saturday by 28 points (two goals and four tries) to four points (try), was not the blitzkrieg the score suggests. Not until the second half were Yorkshire driven to the point of no return, and even in the last few minutes their backs mounted an attack from which Barley scored their try.

The skill and spirit of Wales were as expected, and their weight advantage, particularly in the scrummage, suggested that the masters were taking on the boys. Price, the scrum half, scored three tries. Dark, stocky and strong, he had unquenchable zest and an intuitive understanding of the moves to make. From scrums near the line he twice darted over for the two tries which gave Wales their half-time lead. His third try, scored in injury time, climaxed an exciting run through the exhausted Yorkshire defence.

Hamer, the left wing, scored two tries, and Grabham, the right centre, the other. Powerful runs down the right wing brought Griffiths near to scoring others, and Daniel, the left centre, and Stephen, the stand-off half, had a big part in the general excellence of the Welsh performance.

Yorkshire harassed Wales in every move they made, and put together some good ones of their *own, but in the second half there* were times when they could only react to Welsh moves rather than initiate their own

The Yorkshire full back, Gray, the strong point of a hard-tried defence, saved several difficult situations. Indeed, the only criticism one could make of Yorkshire was that the looseness of their *kicking represented extra opportunity* for Wales.

If Wales had a weakness it was in goal kicking. Roberts, their captain, failed with two penalty kicks and two conversions before giving way to Price, who was no more successful with two penalty shots. Trying again, Roberts made two difficult conversions with kicks high and handsome, and with the last of the match he hit the post.

YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS: P. A. Gray (Roundhay); A. M. Dyson (Normanton GS), S. R. Townend (Silcoates), B. Barley (Normanton GS), A. F. Smith (Halifax RCGS); J. Dracup (Oundle), J. Harrison (Leeds GS); C. M. Pickard (Leeds GS), G. Boville (Goole HS), N. A. Stothard (Hymer's College), D. Rose (Pocklington GS), I. Furlong (Sir Leo Schultz School), C. N. Bray (Leeds GS), N. P. Connell (John Smeaton School), I. Birtwell (Sedbergh).

WELSH SCHOOLS: R. S. Avery (Newport); R. Griffiths (Gwendraeth), S. Grabham (Brynteg), D. P. Daniel (Newbridge), P. Hamer (Gwmtawe); I. G. Stephen (Llandeilo), N. Price (Maesydderwen); S. Knight (Dwr-y-Felin), K. Evans (Cwmtawe), V. J. Williams (Croesyceiliog), M. Hall (Bryntirion), W. Tucker (Tonyrefail), G. Roberts (Gowerton), O. M. Golding (St Cyres), D. A. Rees (Glenafan).

Referee: M. Walker (Yorkshire Society).

John Pullin, Bristol's former England hooker, returns to the Gloucestershire side for the county championship semi-final against Lancashire at Vale of Lune on January 22. Pullin, who made a *late start to the season, following* a hernia operation, replaces Gloucester's Steve Mills, who faces a county disciplinary committee this week after being sent off recently. Team:

P. Butler; R. Clewes (Gloucester), D. Sorrell, C. Williams (both Bristol), R. Mogg, C. Williams, P. Kingston, M. Burton (all Gloucester); J. Pullin (Bristol), B. Nelmes (Cardiff), S. Boyle (Gloucester), N. Pomphrey, M. Rafter, D. Rollitt (all Bristol), J. Watkins (Gloucester, capt).

Gosforth, arguably England's most powerful club side, struck a psychological blow for Sassenachs a week before the Calcutta Cup match, when they sent a Scottish side home to lick their wounds on Saturday. Glasgow Academicals were beaten 90—0, and the team who won last season's John *Player Cup achieved* the feat without three of the men who will face Scotland at Twickenham—Uttley, the captain, Dixon, a flank forward, and Young, the scrum half.

Bennett the flame in smouldering contest

By Peter West

Horton, the Bath stand-off half who was overlooked by th England selectors, kicks for touch.

When Neil Bennett's boot is on song he tends—like his illustrious namesake in Wales—to make the business of landing goals seem a very simple matter indeed. Thus it was at Old Deer Park on Saturday when, arrayed in a vivid new scarlet jersey, he kicked all his side's points as London Welsh dispatched Bath 18—3 in the first round of the John Player Cup.

Bath must have regretted that this match had been frozen out at the first time of asking, back in early December. That was before the former England stand-off half, by courtesy of a flexible qualification for admission, joined his new club as a result of one outing for the Colwyn Bay second XV.

Bennett scraped over the penultimate and easiest of his penalty kicks with little to spare. But he was successful with four shots out of five from 40 yards and more, and he began his afternoon with as remarkable a dropped goal as most of us are likely to witness this season. For this, his old Bedford partner, Alun Lewis, threw out a high and difficult service behind a lineout on the Welsh left. Bennett clutched it down with much aplomb and, pivoting instantly in a congested space, hit the target, high and handsomely, from 35 yards out.

Bath, who by some way were the more frequently penalized side, *got three early points through* Palmer. The final, bleak scoreline, devoid of tries, accurately reflects a disappointing, smouldering contest that was punctuated by injuries and minor outbreaks of sour temper. At different moments four players were on the end of a wigging from the referee, Mr *Coombs, who soon realized that he* needed to watch matters closely.

The best things—Bennett's *tour de force* apart—were the tackling of both teams and the performance of the Welsh loose forwards. Taylor brought off some thumping good tackles on all and sundry, and dipped his shoulder in attack as if he were still enjoying his halcyon days. Manfield had the sort of strong and constructive game that might commend himself to the national selectors at a time when there is so much debate about the Welsh No 8 position. Lewis, strong as ever at scrum-half and swiftly adaptable, sent out one memorable reverse pass under the hottest pressure.

The service of Nicholls at scrum half was a plus for Bath, as was *the security and lively attacking* sense of their full back, Waterman. Horton managed the odd, elusive little half break but Bath made little progress in the centre. The same might equally be said of the Welsh, who missed the services in that position of their captain, Shanklin. However, in *spite of indifferent distribution*, the Welsh contrived occasionally to free their swift wings, the sallies of Rees and Ellis-Jones provided some of the few uplifting moments.

Bath certainly needed their most solid defence to hold off a period of intense Welsh pressure in the second half. A knock-on by Palmer under his posts, at a time when Bath were 3-12 down and committed to running out of defence, set up a Welsh scrummage from which, first, Lewis and, then, Taylor were just thwarted. From another, Lewis ran flat across his centres, and Beese was penalized for a deliberate knock-on. Th Welsh took a quick tap, and needed a fine tackle by Nichol to stop Manfield in the right-han corner.

It was shortly after this th Palmer sliced a long penalty sh for Bath and their prop, Spave making a likely burst down th touchline, was halted deep in tl Welsh 25. These were the la clear chances the *visitors* had saving a match which, on th general run of play, the right sic won. But Welsh, who have y to make a proper impact on th knockout *competition, know th* they will need to play better th this if they are to have an e tended run this season.

LONDON WELSH: A. Robinso[illegible]; C. W. Rees, [illegible] Hughes, [illegible] Williams, R. Ellis-Jones; W. N. Bennet A. D. Lewis; M. [illegible], J. Sm[illegible] R. Adam, D. [illegible] Thomas, [illegible] Roberts, J. Taylor, J. Manfield, [illegible] Warlow

BATH: J. S. Waterman; G. Town[illegible], J. A. Palmer, [illegible] G. Beese, [illegible] Dunbar; [illegible] P. Horton, R. Nicholl[illegible] D. J. Spraven, A. [illegible] (sub [illegible]) Parfitt, J. M. Sleddick, B. J. Je[illegible]kins, A. Lloyd, R. Lye, R. Wheeler, C. J. Harry.

Referee: D. E. Coombs (Kent).

Moseley confirm their forward strength

By Gordon Allan

Not a try was scored in the mud at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday but the match, believe it or not, was engrossing. Moseley beat Northampton, who had lost only *once since October 16, by three* penalty goals and two dropped goals (15 points) to four penalty goals (12). They managed it, moreover, without three of their best players, Hornton, Cooper and Barrie Corless.

In Birmingham they will tell you that Moseley have the finest pack in England. In Newcastle they will tell you that Gosforth have it. Who knows? Perhaps the verdict is a dead heat. At any rate, it was the craft of Moseley's forwards, as much as the goal-kicking of Akenhead and Cusworth, that decided this match.

In the first quarter they threatened to run Northampton out *of town. In the second and third* quarters Northampton gave as good as they got, sometimes better. But in the last quarter, when Northampton became flustered, Moseley rolled forward once again like an armoured division and nearly scored a try or two at the lake end. There was equality in the tight, but Northampton had nobody quite of Ayre's stature at the lineouts. In the loose scrummages, Moseley's turning, smuggling and feeding, were admirable.

Until well into the second half it was almost entirely a game of tactics between the forwards and halfbacks. A couple of scissors moves between Cusworth and *Swain for Moseley, and a midfield* break by Ian Wright for Northampton, were all we saw in the way of creative running. Page kicked as unerringly as ever, either for position or into the box, and Gifford did much the same.

Powell, the venerable prop, came as near as anyone to scoring *a try for Northampton*: first, when he supported a drive by Oldham and Mason, and later when he charged down a kick by Gifford The Northampton crowd have soft spot for "Piggy" Powel The fact that you can hear h name so often in their shouts an indication of how well he still playing, and how adjacent h nose is to the ball.

Akenhead kicked three penalti and Cusworth dropped two goa for Moseley. Cusworth is th dropped goal specialist who helpe helped Wakefield beat Mosele and Northampton in the Jo Player Cup last season. Raybou kicked four penalties for Nort *ampton, who lost Parker* in th last five minutes with a head i jury.

NORTHAMPTON: P. Raybould; R Parker (sub: G. Poole), D. Clarke D. Pinches, D. Oldham; I. Wright; J Page; D. Powell, R. George, S. W[illegible] son, G. Wright, D. Mason, P. Sweet V. Cannon, [illegible] Phillips.

MOSELEY: R. Akenhead; R. Smith, M. Swain, A. Hill, P. Beddoes; L. Cusworth, C. Gifford; T. Corless, C. Cox, B. Greaves, R. Field, D. Ayre, J. White, N. Jeavons, D. Warren.

Referee, K. Suber (Bristol).

Rosslyn Park decline to be intimidated

By Michael Hardy

Those who watched *London* Scottish at the beginning of the season, when they were consistent chiefly in losing, must have been surprised to find five London Scottish players in the international team to meet England next Saturday. Four of them, Steele, Wilson, Lawson, and McHarg, turned out at Roehampton on Saturday to add much colour to the game against Rosslyn Park. The fifth, Donald MacDonald, the Oxford University forward, was rested before getting his first cap for Scotland.

The others may well have wished they had been resting too. For Rosslyn Park, winners by a goal and four penalty goals (18 points) to two tries and a penalty goal (11), gave them no quarter in an energetic and entertaining game. Lawson, in particular, must have been nursing some spectacular bruises this weekend.

The remarkable thing was how much good running was achieved on a heavy ground, especially by the Scots. Much of this sprang from the half-back combination of Wilson and Lawson, and when this broke down there was always the peripatetic McHarg to start the attack rolling again.

McHarg scored a try from a lineout in the first half, when Scottish were 9—3 down and Steele had been bundled into touch near the line by two *defenders simultaneously*. Three minutes later it was Wilson who scored, backing up to take Steele's inside pass. This splendid try was made possible by Lawson, who, his eyes fixed on his opponent, *held back his pass to Wilson* until the precise moment it would have most impact. Grant, the Cambridge University centre, kicked a penalty goal for Scottish early in the game.

Rosslyn Park, who were contributing Kent and Ripley to England training, showed they were not to be intimidated. Two hard-working packs tended to cancel each other out. So it was left to the backs to match the Scottish attackers blow by blow. This they did by quick covering and tigerish tackling; so much so that one looked, sadly in vain, for the Scottish guile that might have pierced this square defensive screen.

That Park were able to turn a two-point deficit at half-time into a lead of seven points they owed to their courageous defence, backs and forwards alike, and to their young stand-off, Ralston. He *missed none of his place kicks*, scoring four penalties, three of them in the second half, and converting a first-half try. This came when McKay, brushing aside two tackles, set up a position on the Scottish line in which Pritchard was held back, only for McHarg's weak defensive pass to let in Fluskey under the posts.

ROSSLYN PARK: P. Bate; J. Moyes, P. A. Treseder, S. Fluskey, D. J. McKay; G. G. Ralston, R. Pritchard, L. Barlow, P. d'A. Keith-Roach, N. P. Hinton, E. Bignell, N. D. Mantell, R. Mordell, J. Scott, R. Carter.

LONDON SCOTTISH: H. L. Gammell; W. C. C. Steele, R. Grant, A. P. Friell, A. Berthinussen; R. Wilson, A. J. M. Lawson; D. Baderoch, D. J. L. Pickering, J. A. Fraser, A. F. McHarg, R. W. J. Wright, M. A. Biggar, P. R. Hay, A. N. S. Coldwell.

Referee, N. R. Sanson (Berkshire and London).

For the record

Rugby Union

John Player Cup, first round

London Welsh	18	Bath	3
Middlesbrough	6	Birmingham	3

Welsh Cup, second round

Bridgend	17	Pontypool Utd	4
Cardiff	25	Llanelli	15
Ebbw Vale	11	Brynamman	4
Glamorgan W	0	Pontypool	10
Newbridge	14	St Senghenydd	12

Club matches

Bradford	0	Halifax	8
Bridgwater & A	6	Abertillery	10
Bristol	35	Exeter	3
Cardiff	25	Llanelli	15
Cheltenham	6	Metro Police	13
Chester	9	Huddersfield	16
Coventry	46	Birkenhead Pk	3
Cross Keys	8	St Luke's Coll	14
Fylde	18	Nuneaton	3
Glamorgan Wdrs	0	Pontypool	10
Gosforth	90	Glasgow Acads	0
Guy's Hospital	6	Sidcup	14
Blackheath	27	Harlequins	10
Harrogate	6	Liverpool	30
Hawick	19	Melrose	3
Headingley	18	Manchester	3
Hull & ER	15	Orrell	4
Jedforest	10	Gala	6
Leicester	10	Gloucester	25
London Irish	12	RAF	7
Headingley	18	Manchester	3
Northampton	12	Moseley	15
Northern	7	Alnwick	3
Nottingham	34	US Portsmouth	12
Old Edwardians	13	Lydney	9
Old Whitgiftians	8	Streatham/ Croydon	16
Paignton	21	Teignmouth	3
Penryn	17	Taunton	7
Plymouth Alb	21	Esher	12
Richmond	28	*Saracens*	16
Rosslyn Park	18	London Scottish	11
Roundhay	28	Otley	3
Rugby	10	Bedford	13
St Ives	3	Camborne	12
Selkirk	14	Morley	9
South Wales Police	4	Maesteg	39
Stourbridge	3	Wasps	48
Sunderland	10	Percy Park	15
Torquay Ath	16	Redruth	3
Stroud	16	Tredegar	15
Wakefield	25	Sheffield	17
Waterloo	9	Broughton Park	0
West of Scotland	13	Boroughmuir	3
Weston-s-Mare	3	Devonport Services	8
Wilmslow	0	New Brighton	10
Swansea	33	Neath	0
Coventry	46	Birkenhead Pk	3

SCHOOL MATCHES: Alderman Newton 18, Magnus, Newmark 24; Carlton-le-Willows 14, Bramcote 4; Esher 6, Hampton 9; Gravesend 16, Judd 25; High Wycombe RGS 4, Royal Latin 0; Hipperholme GS 30, West Park GS, St Helens 6; John Fisher 10, Tiffin 22; King Edward's, Stourbridge 20, Abbot Beyne, Burton 35; Wellington HS 19, Kemnal Manor 9; Westcliff HS 16, Howard 13.

Yesterday

CLUB MATCH: Paignton 13, Redruth 7.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Wakefield T 40, Barrow 17

Yesterday

FIRST DIVISION: Hull Kingston Rovers 15, Salford 10; Workington Town 16, Warrington 14; Leigh 2, Castleford 13; St Helens 17, Oldham 7, Wigan 20, Featherstone Rovers 17; Rochdale Hornets 8, Leeds 7; Widnes 14, Bradford Northern 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	17	11	1	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	23
Featherstone	15	[illegible]	2	4	286	170	20
Castleford	14	[illegible]	1	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	19
Bradford N	14	8	2	4	240	161	18
Wigan	15	8	1	[illegible]	271	204	17
Hull KR	16	8	1	7	234	217	17
Widnes	12	8	0	4	[illegible]	160	16
Salford	16	7	1	8	271	[illegible]	15
Leeds	15	7	1	7	216	206	15
Workington	14	7	1	[illegible]	151	165	15
Warrington	16	7	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14
Wakefield	16	5	2	[illegible]	262	301	12
Oldham	16	6	0	10	208	255	12
Leigh	15	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	174	[illegible]	11
Barrow	14	4	0	10	159	311	8
Rochdale	15	3	0	12	172	[illegible]	6

SECOND DIVISION: York 3, New Hunslet 6; Batley 4, Whitehaven 8; Doncaster 3, Hull 37; Keighley 4, Dewsbury 8, Bramley 15, Halifax 13; Swinton 4, Huyton 7, Huddersfield 11, Blackpool Borough 15.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ardingly 0, Corinthian-Casuals XI 1; Harrow Weald VIth Form College 5, Drayton Manor 0.

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Blackheath 1, Hawks 0, Cheam 0, Bromley 0, Maidenhead 1, Slough 0, Old Kingstonians 0, Surbiton 0, Purley 1, Mid-Surrey 0; Southgate 2, Beckenham 0; Spencer, 0, Tulse Hill 0, St Albans 1, Dulwich 7.

TOUR MATCHES: Exeter Crickets 1, Trojans 2; Exeter University 3, Trojans 3

Yesterday

COUNTY MATCHES: Essex 1, Surrey 0, Berkshire A 1, Hertfordshire A 1.

LONDON LEAGUE: Mid-Surrey 1, London University 1.

TOUR MATCH: Quebec Nordiques (World Hockey Association) 6, Soviet Union 1.

Badminton

STOCKHOLM: Swedish open championships: Men's singles, final. Liem Swie King (Indonesia) beat F. Delfs (Denmark), 15—4, 15—8. Women's singles, final: L. Koppen (Denmark) beat G. Gilks (GB), 11—5, 11—2. Men's doubles, final: Ade Chandra and Tjun Tjun (Indonesia) beat B. Froman and T. Kihlstrom, 17—18, 17—16, 15—11. Women's doubles, final: B. Giles and Gilks (GB) beat J. van Bousekom and M. Ridder (Netherlands), 15—5, 15—8. Mixed doubles, final, D. Talbot and Gilks (GB) beat S. Skovgaard and L. Keppen (Denmark), 15—6, 15—9.

Tennis

WASHINGTON: C. Evert beat S Barker (GB), 6—1, 6—2. Semi-fina round: Evert beat W. Turnbull (Austra lia), 6—3, 6—1; M. Navratilova bea V. Wade (GB), 7—6, 6—0.

BLENHEIM, New Zealand: Sou Island championship. Men's final: [illegible] Roeseche (West Germany) beat K Carpenter (Canada), 6—3, 6—3

KING'S CUP: Monaco beat Portug 3—0 (at Coimbra). Netherlands bea Bulgaria 3—0 (Sofia).

QUEEN'S CLUB: British junior in door championships. Boys' final, N. A Rayner (Essex) beat J. M. Dic (Sussex), 4—6, 7—6, 10—8; Girl final: C J. Drury (Lincs) beat K M Glancy (Bucks), 6—4, 6—4. Boys doubles final: M. Appleton (Lancs and Dier beat P. Goodman and A. N Paton (Lancs), 3—6, 6—4, 6—

BREMEN: Indoor tournament: Men singles final: N. Pilic (Yugoslavia) be D Lloyd (GB), 7—6, 7—6, 7— semi-final round, Lloyd beat J. Fas bender (W Germany), 6—3, 3— 7—6. Pilic beat U Pinner (W Ge many), 6—7, 7—6, 6—3. Women singles final. H. Masthoff (W German beat S. Hanika (W Germany), 6— 6—2. semi-final round: Masthoff beat Coe (GB), 7—6, 6—3; Hanika beat Schultz (W Germany), 6—1, 6—2.

NEW YORK: N. Cripps (GB) be C. Ronaldson (Australia), 6—3, 7— 6—4.

Cresta run

HEATON GOLD CUP: 1. R. Ganss (Switzerland), 262.15; 2. P. Borct hold (Switzerland), 264.51; 3. C. Nel (Switzerland), 266.15; 4. U. Nat (Switzerland), 267.17; 5. N. Bibb (Italy), 268.49; 6. G. Bibbia (Swi zerland), 268.82.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGU Division One: Cheadle 17, Heat Mersey 4; Mellor 5, Stockport 11; O Hulmeians 18, Old Waconians 8; O Stonfordians 20, Boardman and Ecc 5, Sheffield University 23, Ashton **SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGU** Division One: Buckhurst Hill 12, Heller 10 Kenton 9, Hampstead 23

Show jumping

UPMINSTER: International cha pionship: 1, GB, 47 faults; 2, Olymp medallists, 76. Individual title: 1, Broome, 4 faults; 2, H. Par (France), 12; 3, F. Mathy (Belgium 17. Cognac Stakes: 1, Willy Sw (H Smith); 2, Erins Orchid (N. Skel ton); 3, Everest Okay (N. Skelpton

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sab 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; New Yo Islanders 6, Atlanta Flames 3; Phil delphia Flyers 6, Los Angeles Kings Montreal Canadiens 7, Washingt Capitals 3; Pittsburgh Penguins Chicago Black Hawks 2; Vancouv Canucks 5, St Louis Blues 3; Minn sota North Stars 3, Boston Bruins

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Football

Still a good chance of outsider reaching Wembley

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

In May the FA Cup is about Wembley, laps of honour, banquets and medals. In January the third round is for the butcher, the baker and part-time managers like Allen Batsford, of Wimbledon, who on Saturday saw his team draw 0—0 with Middlesbrough, of the first division, looked in the dressing room and found not one satisfied player. "Look at them. Heads in their hands. They're disappointed. They thought they should have won", he reported.

That is the cup spirit, which is far from the cautious, defensive fear shown by Middlesbrough, who had so little confidence that their manager, Jack Charlton, yet again interpreted dullness as being "professional". But even more damning was the attendance, a mere 8,750. In other words, the ground was only a little over half full. Perhaps prices were too high. Perhaps Wimbledon is too near the big London clubs. Perhaps Middlesbrough are rightly condemned and rejected because of a reputation they cannot dispute even against a Southern League team. Incredibly, it was the most predictable result of the round.

Middlesbrough's outlook was shared, though thankfully to a lesser extent, by several other first division teams. Only two, Leeds United, who struck five against their fellow division members, Norwich City, and Ipswich Town, comfortable 4—1 winners over Bristol City with two goals from Mariner, easily straddled the notoriously hazardous first obstacle, which left one non-League club, Northwich Victoria, definitely through to the fourth round and Wimbledon to try again tomorrow.

Liverpool, the team best placed to win the "double", are also involved in a difficult replay against Crystal Palace tomorrow, and the cup holders, Southampton, will be under pressure at Chelsea on Wednesday. Northwich Victoria, like Wimbledon, were angry with themselves. They beat Watford 3—2 to reach the fourth round for the first time in 93 years, but at half-time needed a vitriolic lecture from their manager, Paul Ogden, who must have touched a crucial nerve. As Mr Ogden said later: "They did everything I could ask in the second half."

The other two non-League teams, Matlock and Kettering, were 2—0 down at half-time and were eliminated. Matlock finally lost 5—1 at Carlisle and Kettering 3—2 at home to Colchester.

There will be 16 first division clubs in today's draw. Of these, seven have still to face replays, so the chances of a team from outside the top rank reaching Wembley for the third time in as many seasons remains good. At this stage those who care to mix sport and betting could do worse than side with Chelsea, who may not have played outstandingly against the experienced Southampton team, but have plenty of the spirit that it takes to ride along the stony road to Wembley.

Those who always prefer to stick with first division clubs, but like to avoid obvious favourites, could take Newcastle United, who are involved in a replay with Sheffield United at St James's Park on Wednesday, but are a more resilient and better balanced team than several at shorter odds.

Manchester United, last year's disappointing finalists, feel sure that they can overcome disappointing league form and return to Wembley. Their performance against Walsall at Old Trafford on Saturday hardly convinced the doubters. They had to fall back on the excellent goalkeeping of Stepney after Hill gave them a lead and Walsall were a little unlucky not to repeat their victory of two years ago.

Tottenham Hotspur's 1—0 defeat at Cardiff City meant that in four years they had failed to win a single FA Cup tie. Tomorrow they meet Queen's Park Rangers in a league game that is of great importance to the future of both clubs. Rangers, who were highly impressed with Alan Durban's Shrewsbury team, whom they beat 2—1 in the cup on Saturday, are hopeful that their captain, Francis, will be available. Francis played his first match of the season on Saturday and, although he finished on the losing side, Rangers' reserves losing 3—1 to Bath City, he was satisfied that his back trouble was over.

The goal that made history for Northwich . . . Corrigan (centre) scores his side's third and decisive goal on Saturday.

Negative slog in heavy going at Plough Lane

By Geoffrey Green

Although Wimbledon, the Southern League champions, gained another feather in their cap by holding Middlesbrough, seventh in the championship, to a goalless draw in the third round of the FA Cup at Plough Lane, it was an affair scarcely worthy of the pen of Sean O'Casey. The Plough, itself, proved to be a mere ploughed field of a pitch and no stars came out to be dimmed by Middlesbrough's unenterprising state of mind and a negative nine man defence which clearly aimed at a replay in the north-east.

This will take place at Ayresome Park tomorrow night and though Wimbledon will be pleased to find themselves in today's draw for the fourth round for the second time in three seasons, they were deeply disappointed at not winning outright on this occasion. Middlesbrough were lucky to escape in the first half and were generous enough to admit it.

Three times Connell, the tall, bearded Wimbledon centre forward, came within an ace of scoring. First, he turned a header by the hard-working Marlowe over the bar after a flighted centre by the perceptive Aitken. Next came another flick just past a post, again from Aitken's free kick.

Then a corner from the elusive Holmes on the left flank was met by Connell, who snapped at it like an eager crocodile, only to hit Cuff's legs at point-blank range. Most disarming of all, perhaps, for the so-called underdogs was the moment just before the interval when Holmes nodded back Bassett's deep free kick from me, right into a Middlesbrough penalty area as packed as Piccadilly in the rush hour.

Up went the powerful Connell to head against the underside of the crossbar. From a mass of swirling figures, the ball was forced into the Middlesbrough net but some infringement or other—probably against the goalkeeper—neutralized the strike.

That proved to be that as the second half meandered downhill into a faceless, negative slog, in heavy going. Guy, Wimbledon's talented goalkeeper, who commands his area when needed like some bearded dictator, watched from afar with a bored expression as he tried to keep his circulation moving.

His back four of Tilley, Bryant, Donaldson and Edwards, were equal to anything the lonely Mills and Wood could hatch up, the spring-heeled Bryant, in particular, winning everything in the air. Even the overlapping, inquisitive runs of Cooper and Armstrong from the rear were scotched efficiently enough to suggest that Middlesbrough, even on their own fine pitch at Ayresome, may be pushed to assert their authority.

Predictably, Middlesbrough had a thing or two to say about the Plough Lane conditions. Words like "gamesmanship" and "doctoring" were bandied about, but not without an understanding smile. "At least we expected the surface to be rolled", Jack Charlton, the manager, said. Yet the pitch, which was an inch under water the previous Saturday, would not even take a light roller. A few deep furrows remained to show that an attempt had been made on the morning of the game.

WIMBLEDON: R. Guy; K. Tilley, J. Bryant, D. Donaldson, W. Edwards, D. Bassett, I. Cooke, G. Aitken, R. Connell, R. Marlowe, W. Holmes.

MIDDLESBROUGH: P. Cuff; J. Craggs, T. Cooper, G. Souness, S. Boam, W. Maddren, A. McAndrew, D. Mills, P. Brine, A. Wood, D. Armstrong.

Referee: D. Turner (Staffordshire).

Colchester shatter the dreams of Kettering

By Clive White

The general feeling among the population of Kettering on Saturday was that they had been robbed by an away town decision. The verdict was that "little" Kettering had not put up such a bad show considering luck was against them as well as 12 men from Colchester. Another view might be that Colchester United were a better side who made their own luck and were in no need of the alleged assistance from the referee, Mr Homewood who, in fact, comes from Sunbury-on-Thames.

As far as being underdogs Derek Dougan's Kettering, seated at the top of the Southern League, must have had more than a dreamy eye on a lucrative fourth round tie. Colchester are, after all, only one division above them, in theory. But the difference was clearly there as Colchester managed a fairly comfortable 3—2 win without a hint of their suspect away record.

Dougan decided in the morning not to play after a month's absence. But sitting helpless on the touchline he must have wished he had at least named himself as substitute. Kettering did not do themselves justice.

Kettering's week had started ominously with a 4—1 home defeat by struggling Margate, thereby losing an unbeaten record which stretched farther back than that of any League club. Kettering hopes fluttered in the first seven minutes while Colchester's long, aimless punts upfield suggested a serious lack of character and in the last 10 minutes when a scrambled goal by Clayton was immediately followed by a much better one by Kellock. Only this time Colchester showed more substance.

In between enlightened running off the ball, a mean midfield and a ruthless desire to punish any sloppiness at the back created a three-goal margin through Garwood (two) and Froggatt. Kettering, until the end, never looked like closing this gap despite the misfortune of two disallowed goals. The openings were forced but Kettering were frequently let down by the basic failure of their wingers, Phipps and Faulkner, to do the simple things. Glover, formerly of Leicester City fame, found his reputation a hinderence, and he was never allowed freehold of one square yard.

Colchester had some slippery performers in attack, none more so than Leslie, who once skirted the Kettering defence evading thrusts from defenders like an Apache brave circling a wagon train. His cross-goal offering went unaccepted.

The substitution of Phipps by the more immediate play of Wood and the loss of Smith, a central figure in the Colchester defence, nearly brought an unexpected twist to the story but Colchester held on to their victory through the nifty handiwork of Walker and the prominent head of Dowman, whose busby top seemed to give him an unfair advantage.

KETTERING TOWN: G. Livsey; R. Lucas, A. Merrick, T. Mortimer, S. Suddards, R. Ashby, J. Faulkner, L. Glover, W. Kellock, R. Clayton, P. Phipps (sub G. Wood).

COLCHESTER UNITED: M. Walker; M. Cook, J. Williams, S. Leslie, L. Smith (sub I. Allinson), S. Dowman, C. Garwood, R. Gough, J. Froggatt, R. Bunkell, P. Dyer.

Referee: B. J. Homewood (Sunbury-on-Thames).

Consolation for the unemployed

By Tom German

Once it was the salt mines which gave the quiet Cheshire town of Northwich its national identity. Now, however fleetingly, it is the Northern Premier League side, Northwich Victoria, the only non-League club assured of a place in the fourth round of the FA Cup after Saturday's 3—2 triumph over Watford, of the fourth division, which has brought it into sharp focus.

Not that such heady heights are entirely a novelty. Ninety-three years ago when "The Vics" were mere infants and, fittingly, Queen Victoria was on the throne, they reached the fourth round. Their latest achievement, though, must come high in order of merit in these days of well-drilled tactics and techniques, especially with the scalps of two other League clubs, Rochdale and Peterborough, dangling from their belts. Yet such a prospect seemed remote with the affair half over.

The transformation came with a shrewd substitution at half time by the Northwich manager, Paul Ogden, a football tactician at weekends, sales manager dealing in ladies' lingerie on weekdays. Flimsy and transparent was how he and a crowd of almost 9,000 had seen Northwich in the opening half, kicking the ball away hastily, deprived of possession in midfield, vulnerable in the middle to the quick bursts of Mercer and Jenkins, and exposed by the regular excursions up the flanks of Watford's full backs, Pritchett and Geidmintis.

Yet Watford managed to score only twice though they created gaps as wide as the caverns left beneath the town where the saltmen once extracted their brine. The first goal came as a defender hesitated over how to cope with an awkward bounce out on the left. Mercer nipped behind him and no one could catch him. The second, five minutes from half time, sprang from the same flank where Jenkins and Downes set up the move and Bond tucked the shot away.

Bond and Jenkins will still be pondering how they failed to seize a couple of other chances when Watford so obviously held the reins. Punctuating those two Watford goals, however, was one by Northwich, beautifully executed, and sounding a warning to those knowledgeable enough to detect it. Corrigan, who was to emerge as the afternoon's most perceptive user of the ball, chipped forward from his own half to send Swede darting between Watford's two central sentinels to whip home his shot. Marksmanship, it seems, is one of Northwich's attributes, though it hardly seemed likely to matter much with only that one shot in the first 45 minutes.

The whole scene changed, though, with the start of the second half. A midfield man was left out and an attacker, Collier, brought in to put pressure on Watford's rear men and curb their adventurous forays. In the words of Mr Ogden: "It paid off handsomely".

Wain, chasing Corrigan's cross into the penalty area, was brought down. He fell with a flourish, but he was clearly within the box and despatched the penalty kick himself with assurance.

In spite of several palpitations, Watford managed to hold them until nine minutes from the end, when Wain ran clear up the right, chose the moment to centre with discretion and Corrigan finally guided the ball in. It was consolation enough, surely, for a player who lost his job during the week.

NORTHWICH VICTORIA: J. Farmer; K. Eccleshare, A. Nieman, P. Jones (sub J. Collier), C. Hamlett, K. Jones, L. Wain, F. Corrigan, P. Smith, J. King, J. Swede.

WATFORD: A. Rankin; A. Geidmintis, K. Pritchett, D. Bond, A. Horsfield, A. Garner, R. Downes, R. Joslyn, K. Mercer, R. Jenkins, P. Coffill (sub A. Mayes).

Referee: M. P. Hackney (Barnsley).

Cardiff prophecy comes true

By Tom Freeman

These days football managers are often too tight-lipped to make forecasts about important matches the following day. Only rarely do these forecasts come true, anyway. Full marks, therefore, to Cardiff City's Jimmy Andrews, who predicted that Tottenham Hotspur would be beaten in Saturday's third round cup tie by the speed of his front men, Sayer and Evans.

"These are two of the fastest front runners in football". Mr Andrews had warned. "Their speed will make up for our lack of height and we should cause Tottenham's suspect defence many problems with our quick breaks."

It happened just as he said it would. The winning goal—the only goal of the match—came after six minutes. Tottenham's defenders were slow to get the ball away in the air and Coates's faulty back header finally fell into the path of Grapes, who was on to it like a flash to send Sayer surging through the gap, leaving the Spurs defenders stranded as he headed the ball down before planting it firmly out of Jennings's reach.

Thereafter the speed of Sayer, Evans and Grapes posed a perpetual problem for Spurs. Even when the pressure built up in the Cardiff goalmouth in the second half there were alarm signals every time Cardiff moved out on the break.

Ironically Sayer would not have played at all had Friday, the club's new player from Reading not been cup tied. He and Evans played to a simple, old fashioned formula—push the ball forward and run like hell after it. It was successful because they had the speed to make it work.

Tottenham, on the other hand, insisted on the square approach, delaying their final effort until the penalty area was crowded out with players. Duncan's flicked on headers were ineffectual, and all the other clever touches came to nothing. There was, however, one agonizing incident a few minutes from the end when a spectacular overhead kick from Taylor bounced off the foot of a post, ran along the goal line, and into the bewildered Healey's hands.

Often Tottenham abounded in skill—Conn ran all over the place to show off his ball control, and Hoddle once more suggested that he has great potential. Tottenham also showed a commendable sense of urgency when time was running out for them. The lesson of this game, however, is that even in these days of sophisticated football, the simple approach, rather than the elaborate one, is more likely to win matches.

CARDIFF CITY: R. Healey; P. Dwyer, B. Attley, J. Buchanan, P. Went, A. Larmour, S. Grapes, D. Livermore, A. Evans, P. Sayer, D. Giles.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: P. Jennings T. Naylor, J. Gorman, G. Hoddle, J. Pratt, K. Osgood, A. Conn, S. Perryman, J. Duncan, R. Coates (sub: D. McAllister), P. Taylor.

Referee: A. Lees (Bridgwater).

Southampton should blame themselves

By John Nicholls

For the third time this season Southampton, the Cup holders, and Chelsea provided an absorbing and entertaining game for their supporters. So far, with three points from two League matches and by drawing 1—1 away from home in Saturday's FA Cup tie, Chelsea have earned the greater share of the spoils. The advantage of playing at home in the replay on Wednesday evening ought to confirm their superiority.

Yet Southampton have only themselves to blame for not now being certain of a place in the draw for the next round. They started at a cracking pace on Saturday and should have been a goal up after only 11 minutes. The persistent MacDougall dispossessed Phillips, when the goalkeeper had left his goal to chase a loose ball.

A quick pass and Ball seemed certain to score yet he side-footed the ball against Droy, one of two Chelsea players poised on the goal line. A few seconds later Ball had a second attempt, but again the shot was blocked with the goalkeeper out of position.

As Chelsea weathered this period of pressure they suddenly came near to scoring themselves. A Southampton attack ended with most of their defenders well upfield. Chelsea gained possession and a swift, well placed pass from Wilkins sent Swain clear of everyone, from inside his own half. Wells came out to meet him and from near the edge of his area his widespread body successfully blocked Swain's unimaginative shot.

A few minutes later the situation was repeated when Swain picked up a pass which Steele ought to have headed away. But again, Wells was equal to the occasion and placed himself in the way of the shot. Thus encouraged, Chelsea began to look more confident and they took the initiative after Locke scored a highly enterprising goal.

Moving forward in support of his attackers he was confronted by three Southampton players. Expecting him to pass the ball, they held back and with a sudden change of pace and direction, Locke sprinted clear, closed on the goal and beat Wells from about 25 yards.

To their credit, Chelsea continued to attack in the second half and with Southampton working hard in midfield there was little to choose between the two sides. An equalizer always looked possible, but not probable as Southampton (particularly Channon) frequently made a mess of the final pass or shot. In his previous two home matches, Channon has played decidedly below par, while scoring five goals.

He was the same again on Saturday, when he tried as hard as ever but with nothing going right. In the 56th minute, however, all was forgiven when he at last made the most of a chance. McCalliog sent over one of his accurate corners. For once Droy missed the ball, Osgood did not and headed on to Channon, who hooked it first time into the net.

SOUTHAMPTON: P. Wells; M. Andruszewski, D. Peach, N. Holmes, M. Blyth, J. Steele, A. Ball, M. Channon, P. Osgood, J. McCalliog, E. MacDougall.

CHELSEA: J. Phillips; G. Locke, R. Harris, G. Stanley, M. Droy, D. Hay, I. Britton, R. Wilkins, S. Finnieston, R. Lewington, K. Swain.

Referee: J. Gow (Swansea).

Arsenal a long way from their destination

By Norman Fox

The widely held opinion that the revamped Arsenal have the qualities of FA Cup winners seems clearly based on London's yearning for a revival from someone in the metropolis rather than specific proof. An improvement is obvious. Their football is more considered and less easily disrupted by teams of lower standing like Notts County, whom they eventually managed painstakingly to beat 1—0 in the third round of the FA Cup at Meadow Lane on Saturday.

This strange match that only burst into flame in the seven minutes of "injury time" showed that Arsenal were far from their destination. It would be hard on Notts County to say it was a dull tie. Arsenal made it so. It would be equally ungenerous in view of their reputation for clobbering the first hurdle to suggest that Arsenal played unnecessarily cautiously. Somewhere in the middle of the fast fading impressions is one of Arsenal's newcomer, Hudson, playing a couple of priceless close passes leading to the winning goal being wonderfully volleyed from 20 yards by Ross, and of Simpson, the swarthy survivor from the good old bad days, powerfully dismantling Notts County's late second half attacks.

There was not a lot else apart from a fine save by Rimmer, Bradd's chipping shot in the 94th minute and another fine save from County's McManus, from a penalty by Macdonald. The rest was sedate building from deep in Arsenal's midfield, and rough tackling from some of their defenders, notably Nelson, who was fortunate not to be sent off. Nelson was not prepared to accept that Notts County's winger, Carter, had the right to a clean escape after slipping past his offensive tackle.

Arsenal's infuriated supporters were obviously less confident about their team's new patient outlook than its management and players. They were almost hysterical with rage as the game moved into its 97th minute, but long before that they began begging Arsenal to move more quickly. Hudson was soon told to "get rid of it". If Terry Neill, the manager, had wanted to buy someone to do this, no doubt he would have gone to the nearest public park.

Admittedly, Hudson was not fully fit and wanted to slow the game to a pace he coud cope with rather than for the sake of coordinating movements. The inexplicable aspect of his game was the employment of Brady under his heels. As they seemed to have totally different views on tactics—Brady clearly desired speed—their contribution lost continuity.

Because of Arsenal's determination not to get involved in a frantic rush, Notts County appeared to take the initiative. It was mostly misleading possession. Only Busby, a former Queen's Park Rangers player, created his own opportunities but like his colleagues he lost sight of the final target. Arsenal made fewer attacks but made them more effectively. Stapleton had a header turned on to the post by McManus, who had a splendid game despite making no more than a gesture of dismay as Ross's shot dropped behind him at one stage.

Macdonald also drove shots wide and would almost certainly have scored Arsenal's second goal when he broke away from Needham, who stretched again to bring him down. That left the goalkeepers to bring a little drama to a peculiarly quiet tie when McManus correctly chose to dive to his left for Macdonald's penalty and Rimmer sprung up as if starting a Fosbury flop to save from Bradd. The cost to County was the chance of a replay, or, more important, £15,000 in receipts.

NOTTS COUNTY: E. McManus; P. Richard, R. O'Brien, M. Busby, D. Needham, B. Stubbs, S. Carter, M. Vinter, L. Bradd, A. Mann, D. Smith.

ARSENAL: J. Rimmer, P. Rice, S. Nelson, T. Ross, D. O'Leary, P. Simpson, A. Hudson, L. Brady, M. Macdonald, F. Stapleton, G. Armstrong.

Referee: K. A. McNally.

Cricket

Cope stakes his claim for an England place

Nagpur, India, Jan 9.—The MCC off-spin bowler Cope ran through the Combined Indian Universities and Under-22 team here today, finishing with six for 41. With the selectors thinking about including an extra spinner in the team for the third Test which begins on Friday, he may have earned himself his first England cap.

From the moment Cope took a wicket, he gave away only 19 runs in 12.5 overs, and the Combined side were all out for 121. This left MCC 116 ahead, and by the close of the second day, with 59 for two in their second innings, they had stretched the lead to 175. The match ends tomorrow.

Miller, also an off-spinner, came out with two for 39, and though there was less to choose between them than the figures suggest, Cope is likely to be preferred to him if an additional slow bowler is chosen for the Test in Madras.

But Miller's victims were the most stubborn of the opposing batsmen. He bowled Vengsarkar, who is in the Indian 14 for the Test, and also removed Vijay Mohan Raj, who had made 32 in 45 overs.

The other batsmen were ill at ease on a pitch which has been generous to the spinners. While Vengsarkar stayed, the Combined team looked capable of challenging the MCC total of 237 for four declared. At 73 he chopped Miller's faster ball into his stumps and the last eight wickets mustered only 48.

Fletcher could not bat when MCC went in again. His injured ankle is still troubling him and MCC may have to change their minds about playing him in Madras.

On Saturday Fletcher was often struggling during MCC's first innings when he scraped together just 24 runs in 43 overs. His faltering progress helped restrict MCC's scoring. Fletcher's ankle was heavily strapped and he was unable to move with any freedom.

MCC's opening batsmen, Amiss and Woolmer, shared a 110-run stand in 128 minutes. Amiss made 56 with five fours before lofting a catch to mid-on and Woolmer, after scoring 49, departed voluntarily when the umpire failed to respond to an appeal for a catch at the wicket.

In the afternoon, MCC could not maintain their progress of the morning as the spinners Ashwini Minna and Dharamaraj Jadeja bowled tidy spells on the slow turning pitch.

Fletcher became so inhibited that in an hour he managed just one scoring stroke. In the end the second new ball accounted for Fletcher, a shooter trapping him leg-before, and Knott went cheaply soon afterwards when he deflected a legside catch to the wicketkeeper.

Brearley, having shared Fletcher's uneasiness during the afternoon, opened out in the final session to finish with an unbeaten 76. So far he has been batting for a shade under three hours and a half.

MCC: First Innings
D. L. Amiss, c Azad, b Minna .. 56
R. A. Woolmer, c Ved Raj, b D. Jadeja .. 49
*J. M. Brearley, not out .. 76
K. W. R. Fletcher, l-b-w, b R. Jadeja .. 24
A. P. E. Knott, c Ved Raj, b Yog Raj .. 1
†R. W. Tolchard, not out .. [illegible]
Extras (b 4, l-b 5, n-b 3) .. 12
Total (for 4 wkts dec) .. 237

D. W. Randall, G. Miller, G. A. Cope, M. W. W. Selvey, J. K. Lever, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—110, 2—111, 3—172, 4—176.

BOWLING: Yog Raj, 14—0—46—1; R. Jadeja, 36—12—42—1; Binny, 5—1—16—0; D. Jadeja, 33—5—70—1; Minna, 23—6—45—1.

Second Innings
A. P. E. Knott, b R. Jadeja .. 14
R. A. Woolmer, l-b-w, b R. Jadeja .. 29
D. W. Randall, not out .. 14
G. Miller, not out .. 2
Extras .. 0
Total (for 2 wkts) .. 59

D. L. Amiss, *J. M. Brearley, K. W. R. Fletcher, †R. W. Tolchard, G. A. Cope, M. W. W. Selvey, J. K. Lever, to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—21, 2—50.

BOWLING: (to date) Yog Raj, 1—0—3—0; R. Jadeja, 14—7—16—2; Binny, 7—2—25—0; D. Jadeja, 8—4—15—0; Minna, 2—0—3—0.

COMBINED XI: First Innings
*D. B. Vengsarkar, b Miller .. 32
S. Akbar, b Lever .. 4
V. Mohan Raj, c Tolchard, b Miller .. 32
R. V. Mankad, b Cope .. 1
K. Azad, l-b-w, b Cope .. 4
R. Binny, c Tolchard, b Cope .. 0
R. Jadeja, l-b-w, b Cope .. 15
†Ved Raj, run out .. 1
Yog Raj, c Amiss, b Cope .. 10
D. Jadeja, not out .. 7
A. Minna, c Selvey, b Cope .. 0
Extras (b 8, l-b 1, n-b 6) .. 15
Total .. 121

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—8, 2—73, 3—76, 4—88, 5—88, 6—88, 7—99, 8—111, 9—121.

BOWLING: Lever, 7—0—[illegible]—1; Selvey, 6—3—12—0; Cope, 22.5—10—41—6; Miller, 33—13—39—2.—Reuter.

SHELL SHIELD: Northern Districts 278 for 8 dec and 194 for 3 dec (G. M. Turner 63); Central Districts 206 (A. D. G. Roberts 5 for 30) and 361 (G. N. Edwards 62). Northern Districts won by 5 runs. Auckland 300 for 3 dec and 234 for 2 dec (J. D. Riley 121 not out); Otago 202 for 9 dec (I. A. Rutherford 123 not out) and 234 (B. L. Cairns 61; L. W. Stott 5 for 27). Auckland won by 88 runs. Canterbury 109 and 247 (D. W. Stead 65, P. G. Coman 61); Wellington 217 and 142 for 2 (J. F. M. Morrison 69 not out). Wellington won by 8 wickets. Final standings: 1, Northern Districts 66 pts; 2, Auckland 62; 3, Wellington 55; 4, Canterbury 50; 5, Otago and Central Districts 30.

MONTEGO BAY: Shell Shield: Barbados 400 for 7 (C. G. Greenidge 136, D. A. Murray 74, D. A. J. Holford 67 not out).

DUNEDIN: Women's international match: New Zealand 200; India 126 for 6 (S. Rangaswamy 75 not out).

DACCA: Tour match: Bangladesh 266 for 9 dec (Yusuf Babu 78) and 152 for 6. MCC 347 (M. D. Mence 75 not out, E. A. Clark 74, J. R. T. Barclay 65). Match drawn.

BRISBANE: Tour match: Queensland 328 for 7 dec (I. V. A. Richards 14[illegible], J. A. Maclean 54; Imran Khan 4 for 68) and 110 for 3; Pakistanis 321 for 6 dec (Haroon Rashid 123 not out).

PERTH: Sheffield Shield: Western Australia 340 (R. W. Marsh 104, B. M. Laird 68); South Australia 135 (W. M. Clark 4 for 32, D. K. Lillee 4 for 55) and 23 for 2.

Golf

Stroke of misfortune in Dexter's third defeat

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Alan Holmes joined the list of double winners of the President's Putter yesterday at Rye, beating Ted Dexter by 5 and 4 in the final. It was one of those matches that promised much but produced little. So far as Dexter was concerned, it seemed that all his best had gone into the preliminary rounds. It was his fifth appearance in the semi-final round and his third in a losing final.

Holmes takes his golf so lightly and plays so quickly that it is easy to underestimate his quality. He is a gloriously free striker of the iron and is seldom off line. Putting is not his strongest point and he never quite mastered the pace of the greens but one felt that his experience—he captained Cambridge in 1966, his second year in the team—was standing him in good stead in holing out.

Dexter had one shattering piece of luck which caused him to leave the sixth green two down instead of all square. Taking an iron for his long second, his ball plugged in soft sand just short of the vertical face of a deep bunker. Holmes, whose drive had caught the dunes, took four to reach the green and Dexter, reckoning presumably that with a decent lie he would get up and down in two and win the hole, took a penalty drop, came out none too well, and took three more from just off the green.

Perhaps the swing at that hole was *not* decisive; perhaps the seeds of defeat could already be seen in his having taken three from the edge of the previous three greens, losing thereby an early lead which a fine tee shot to the second had given him. But it was a hard blow to take, and except for brief flashes his game thereafter showed that he had never really shaken off the effect of it.

To make matters harder he was reminded of it again by finding his ball plugged in a bunker short of the 12th.

Dexter is a vastly experienced cricketer and plays golf at a high level. But he has only limited experience of this kind of pressure, which is not made any easier by being often the focus of attention. The fast pace at which golf is played in Putter week not only reflects the nip in the air but is in the best amateur tradition. Yet in the final that pace turned almost into a gallop, which gave Dexter little chance of recovering his poise.

Dexter was seen in a much happier mood in winning his semi final round match by two and one against A. Swanston. In so doing he went out in 33 and needed a four for 70 at the end. Swanston reduced a four hole deficit after five to one up, thanks largely to going three, three, four from the 11th, but he gave Dexter vital breathing space by missing from inside four feet for the half at the 14th.

RESULTS: Fourth round: M. F. Attenborough beat M. J. Reece (holder), 5 and 4; A. W. J. Holmes beat J. W. C. Crawshaw, 5 and 4; M. A. Jones beat J. T. L. Watson, 2 and 1; J. D. Cross beat T. M. Powell, 4 and 3; D. G. Lucas beat J. D. C. Steel, 4 and 3; E. R. Dexter beat C. E. Travers, at 19th; P. D. Southwick beat J. S. Sutherland, 5 and 4; A. D. Swanston beat M. Yates, at 19th. Quarter-final round: Holmes beat Attenborough, 2 and 1; Cross beat Jones, 4 and 3; Dexter beat Lucas, 2 and 1; Swanston beat Southwick, 3 and 1. Semi-final round: A. W. J. Holmes beat J. D. Cross, 4 and 3; E. R. Dexter beat A. D. Swanston, 2 and 1. Final: Holmes beat Dexter, 5 and 4.

Oosterhuis nine behind

Phoenix, Arizona, Jan 9.—Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, scored a 68 for a three-round aggregate of 213—nine strokes behind the leader, Jerry Pate, of the United States—in the Phoenix Open tournament, the first on the US Professional Golfers' Association circuit this year. Tommy Horton, another Briton, had a 75 for a total of 220. Tony Jacklin, the third Briton in the tournament, failed to make the cut after taking 148 for two rounds.

Pate had a birdie at the final hole today for a one-under-par 70 at the Phoenix Country Club for a nine-under-par 204. Dave Stockton turned in the lowest score of the tournament, a seven-under-par 64, to move into second place, one stroke behind Pate.

Tied for third place on 207 are Gary McCord, who had a 65 today, and Larry Nelson, who had a 71. They were one stroke ahead of Miller Barber and George Cadle. Pate, the winner of the US and Canadian Opens last summer, was off to a shaky start, dropping a stroke at the third and fourth holes, but he had birdies at the sixth, 15th and 18th holes.

THIRD ROUND: 204, J. Pate, 67, 67, 70; 205, D. Stockton, 69, 72, 64; 207, G. McCord, 69, 73, 65; L. Nelson, 68, 68, 71; 208, M. Barber, 72, 69, 67; G. Cadle, 71, 68, 69; 209, H. Green, 70, 71, 68; G. Burns, 67, 69, 73; G. Gilbert, 70, 68, 71; B. Gurrett, 72, 70, 67; 210, D. Hill, 71, 68, 71; D. Edwards, 67, 72, 71; C. Sammdo, 69, 74, 67; B. Wadkins, 70, 71, 69; B. Lietzke, 71, 70, 69. Foreign players: 213, P. Oosterhuis (GB), 72, 73, 68; 218, B. Crampton (Australia), 74, 71, 73; 220, T. Horton (GB), 74, 71, 75.—Reuter.

Table tennis

England team surprises

Andrew Barden and Melody Ludi, two young players, are surprise choices for England's team for the world table tennis championships to be played at Birmingham from March 26 to April 5.

Barden, aged 18, from Barnet, has been selected on the basis of his performance in the European championships at Prague last year. He has recently recovered from torn ligaments in his wrist which have kept him out of the game for much of this season. "I am absolutely shattered by this news. It was a complete surprise that they should pick me", he said. Miss Ludi, from Bradford, was England's number one junior last year, but is now in the senior ranks as a 17-year-old.

The other surprise was the omission of the England number four, Nicky Jarvis, of Cleveland, who has been troubled by a back injury for most of the season with his results being below his usual form. But yesterday, at the world championship qualifying competition at Thornaby, he gave a swift answer to the selectors who dropped him. He earned one of the extra places in the individual competitions at Birmingham awarded to England as the host country.

The other men to qualify for Birmingham were N. Eckersley (Cheshire), D. Brown (Essex) and D. Johnson (Warwickshire). The women qualifiers were S. Lisle (Cheshire), K. Rogers (Leicestershire), K. Witt (Berkshire) and S. Hession (Essex).

Results of the finals in the England open championships at Thornaby were:

Men's singles: S. Gomozkov (USSR) beat D. Douglas, 21—9, 19—21, 21—11, 26—24. Women's singles: Miss C. Knight beat Mrs J. Hammersley, 21—15, 20—22, 15—21, 21—11, 21—18. Men's doubles: S. Gomozkov and A. Strokatov (USSR) beat Douglas and D. Neale, 21—13, 19—21, 21—17, 15—21, 21—17. Women's doubles: Mrs Hammersley and Miss L. Howard beat T. Ferdman and V. Popova (USSR), 21—15, 21—16, 21—18. Mixed doubles: B. Burnazian and T. Ferdman (USSR) beat Douglas and Miss Howard, 21—13, 17—21, 21—19, 21—18.

Weekend results and tables

FA Cup third round

Birmingham	1	Portsmouth	0
Blackpool	0	Derby Co	0
Burnley	2	Lincoln City	2
Cardiff City	1	Tottenham H	0
Carlisle Utd	5	Matlock	1
Charlton A	1	Blackburn	1
Coventry City	1	Millwall	0
Darlington	2	Orient	2
Everton	2	Stoke City	0
Fulham	3	Swindon Town	3
Halifax T	0	Luton Town	1
Hereford Utd	1	Reading	0
Hull City	1	Port Vale	1
Ipswich T	4	Bristol City	1
Kettering	2	Colchester	3
Leeds Utd	5	Norwich	2
Leicester City	0	Aston Villa	1
Liverpool	0	Crystal Palace	0
Manchester C	1	West Brom A	1
Manchester Utd	1	Walsall	0
Northwich Vic	3	Watford	2
Nottingham F	1	Bristol Rovers	1
Notts County	0	Arsenal	1
Oldham	3	Plymouth	0
QP Rangers	2	Shrewsbury	1
Sheffield Utd	0	Newcastle Utd	0
Southampton	1	Chelsea	1
Southend	0	Chester	4
Sunderland	2	Wrexham	2
West Ham Utd	2	Bolton W	1
Wimbledon	0	Middlesbrough	0
Wolverhampton	3	Rotherham	2

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: AP Leamington 1, Gravesend 1; Atherstone 1, Burton 0; Bedford 2, Wealdstone 0; Dartford 4, Redditch 1; Dover v Yeovil postponed; Grantham 0, Margate 2; Hillingdon 1, Nuneaton 0; Maidstone 2, Minehead 2; Weymouth v Chelmsford postponed.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hayes 3, Hitchin 0; Kingstonian 2, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Leatherhead 4, Ilford 0; Leytonstone 2, Barking 0; Slough 2, Bishop's Stortford 1; Southall 1, Dagenham 0; Staines 1, Dulwich 0; Sutton 0, Croydon 0; Tilbury 2, Hendon 2; Woking 1, Walthamstow Avenue 3; Wycombe 0, Enfield 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Cheshunt 3, Worthing 1; Grays 0, Rainham 2; Haringey 1, Letchworth 3; Lewes 5, Epsom and Ewell 1; Leyton Wingate 3, Ruislip Manor 0; Marlow 2, Hounslow 4.

Third division

Oxford Utd	3	Chesterfield	2
Sheffield W	0	Brighton	0
York City	2	Gillingham	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brighton	23	13	5	5	45	23	31
Rotherham	21	11	7	3	38	[illegible]	29
Preston	21	10	8	3	35	17	28
Shrewsbury	21	12	4	5	36	19	28
Wrexham	20	11	5	4	34	19	27
Sheffld Wed	22	10	7	5	35	26	27
Mansfield	20	11	4	5	34	17	26
Crystal Pal	21	8	9	4	34	19	25
Tranmere	22	7	10	5	26	25	24
[illegible]	[illegible]	6	10	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bury	20	9	4	7	30	33	22
Swindon	20	8	5	7	38	39	21
Lincoln	18	7	6	5	27	24	20
Chesterfield	22	8	4	10	28	29	20
Chester	20	8	3	9	19	25	19
Reading	22	7	4	11	26	33	18
Gillingham	22	6	6	10	27	38	18
Portsmouth	22	4	9	9	25	32	17
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Port Vale	22	4	8	10	23	31	16
Grimsby	21	6	4	11	22	33	16
Walsall	22	4	7	11	19	32	15
Northampton	22	4	4	14	22	41	12
York	20	4	4	12	20	45	12

Scottish Cup second round

Albion R	2	Raith	1
Brechin City	0	Inverness T	0
Clydebank	2	Selkirk	0
Forfar A	0	Elgin City	2
Girvan A	0	Queen's Park	3
Inverness C	1	Alloa A	1
Meadowbank T	1	E Stirling	2
Stranraer	0	Stirling A	0

FA VASE: Third round: Alma Swanley 1, Cray Wanderers 0; Almondsbury Greenway 5, Tiverton 2; Barton Rovers 2, Ampthill Town 1; Billericay 4, Hoddesdon 1; Bexhill 4, Eastbourne United 2; Buckingham 2, Clanfield 0; Burnham 3, Camberley 2; Chalfont St Peter 0, Redhill 5; East Ham 2, Edgware 1; Epping 4, Erith and B 2; Farnborough 5, Horsham 0; Farnham 2, Eastbourne Town 1; Hinckley 1, Rushden 0; Hemel Hempstead 2, Kidlington 3; Kew Association 0, Molesey 2; Tividale 3, Cirencester 0; Wigston Fields 2, Stamford 0; Wolverton 0, Tring 1; Malmesbury 1, Hungerford 2.

Fourth division

Bournemouth	1	Huddersfield	0
Crewe	3	Brentford	2
Doncaster R	1	Cambridge Utd	1
Exeter City	1	Barnsley	0
Hartlepool	4	Torquay Utd	0
Rochdale Utd	1	Swansea City	0
Scunthorpe Utd	2	Bradford City	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge	23	10	10	3	38	21	30
Bradford	24	12	6	6	45	30	30
Colchester	22	13	2	[illegible]	44	21	28
Southend	21	8	11	2	30	16	27
Bournemouth	23	9	9	5	30	21	27
Exeter	22	10	6	6	30	24	26
Stockport	22	10	6	6	28	23	26
Swansea	23	10	5	8	36	32	25
Crewe	22	10	5	7	26	32	25
Barnsley	22	10	4	8	22	20	24
Rochdale	20	8	8	4	20	14	[illegible]
Huddersfield	23	9	6	8	25	25	24
Watford	20	8	7	5	28	23	23
Aldershot	20	9	4	7	23	24	22
Darlington	20	8	6	6	25	27	22
Doncaster	22	7	7	8	29	34	21
Scunthorpe	21	8	4	9	28	26	20
Torquay	22	6	5	11	28	40	17
Halifax	20	4	8	8	17	22	16
Hartlepool	22	3	9	10	25	37	15
Southport	21	1	12	8	13	30	14
Newport	18	2	7	9	10	25	11
Brentford	21	3	4	14	29	43	10
Workington	22	3	5	15	17	45	9

OTHER MATCH: Peterborough 0, Mansfield 0.

Scottish premier division

Ayr Utd	0	Aberdeen	0
Dundee Utd	1	Celtic	2
Hearts	1	Partick T	0
Motherwell	1	Hibernian	1
Rangers	3	Kilmarnock	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	16	9	5	2	30	15	23
Celtic	15	9	4	2	35	16	22
Rangers	16	8	5	3	25	13	21
Dundee Utd	17	9	3	5	30	25	21
Hearts	18	4	8	6	25	30	16
Motherwell	17	5	5	7	27	[illegible]	15
Hibernian	17	2	11	4	15	18	15
Partick	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ayr	18	4	4	10	21	38	12
Kilmarnock	18	2	6	10	21	37	10

Scottish first division

Arbroath	2	Hamilton A	1
Dumbarton	2	Montrose	2
East Fife	1	Queen of South	1
Falkirk	1	St Mirren	1
Morton	2	Dundee	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Mirren	20	13	8	1	51	24	34
Clydebank	22	13	7	2	49	16	33
Dundee	21	12	6	3	49	30	30
Arbroath	25	13	2	10	51	39	28
Airdrie	19	10	4	5	40	28	24
Morton	23	8	6	9	41	41	22
Hamilton	21	9	4	8	30	35	22
Queen of Sth	22	6	9	7	35	32	21
Montrose	23	8	4	11	29	39	20
Dumbarton	21	6	7	8	31	35	19
St Johnstone	19	4	6	9	18	26	14
East Fife	23	3	8	12	22	37	14
Raith	21	3	6	12	17	33	12
Falkirk	22	3	5	14	24	52	11

Scottish second division

Clyde	4	Cowdenbeath	1
Dunfermline	1	Berwick R	0

Scottish Cup third round draw

Arbroath v Brechin or Inverness Thistle (provisional replay, January 15); Hamilton v Clydebank; Airdrie v Celtic; East Stirling v Albion Rovers; St Johnstone v Dundee; Queens Park v Inverness Caley or Alloa (provisional replay, January 15); East Fife v Clyde; Hibernian v Partick Thistle; Motherwell v Kilmarnock; Dunfermline v Aberdeen; Stranraer or Stirling v Elgin City; Heart of Midlothian v Dumbarton; Rangers v Falkirk; Queen of the South v Montrose; Morton v Ayr United; St Mirren v Dundee United.

European leagues

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Beerschot 1, Lokeren 0; Lierse 0, Standard Liege 0; Waregem 3, Anderlecht 0; AS Ostend 0, Charleroi 0; RWD Molenbeek 1, Courtrai 0; FC Liege 0, Malinois 0; Beveren 4, Antwerp 1; Bruges 5, Winterslag 0; Berringen 1, FC Bruge 4.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Go Ahead Eagles 3, Telstar Velsen 1; Feyenoord 5, Utrecht 2; Amsterdam 0, Twente Enschede 1; Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Venlo 0; Nijmegen 2, Breda 2; De Graafschap 0, Ajax 0; Alkmaar 4, Sparta 0; Haarlem 0, Den Haag 0; PSV Eindhoven 3, Eindhoven 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Angers 0, Nimes 0; St Germain 3, Nice 0; Marseille 1, Nantes 1; Lyon 2, Nancy 1; Troyes 2, Valenciennes 1.

GREEK LEAGUE: Atromitos 1, Panserraikos 0; Vannina 2, Apollon 0; Ethnikos 1, Panathinaikos 1; Kavala 1, Iraklis 0; Kastoria 0, Aris 0; Panachaiki 0, Olympiakos 1; Panionios 1, Pierikos 1; EK 4, OFI 1; PAOK 2, Panaitolikos 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bologna 1, Inter Milan 5; Catanzaro 3, Foggia 1; Genoa 4, Cesena 1; AC Milan 0, Verona 0; Napoli 0, Juventus 2; Perugia 0, Fiorentina 0; Roma 3, Sampdoria 0; Turino 3, Lazio 3.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Portimonense 3, Leixos 0; Guimaraes 4, Beira Mar 1; Benfica 4, Montijo 1; Belenenses 2, Porto 0; Boavista 6, Atletico 3; Setubal 1, Sporting Lisbon 0; Academico 0, Braga 1; Varzim 1, Estoril 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 4, Malaga 1; Santander 0, Salamanca 1; Las Palmas 2, Bilbao 1; Elche 3, Alicante 1; Barcelona 0, Seville 0; San Sebastian 4, Burgos 1; Vigo 0, Zaragoza 0; Valencia 2, Atletico Madrid 3.

WEST GERMAN CUP: Duisburg 1, Hertha 2; Schalke 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 2; Cologne 7, Hamburg 2; Rot Weiss Essen 2, Arminia Bielefeld 0; Bayern Uerdingen 2, Werder Bremen 0; Bayern Munich 5, Bayern Munich Amateurs 3; Bayreuth 2, Augsburg 0; Nuremberg 1, Osnabruck 0.

FA Cup replay dates

Kick off 7.30 unless stated.

Monday
Port Vale v Hull.

Tuesday
Bristol R v Nottingham F.
Middlesbrough v Wimbledon.
Swindon v Fulham.
Orient v Darlington.
Crystal Pal v Liverpool (7.45).
West Bromwich A v Manchester C.

Wednesday
Lincoln v Burnley.
Wrexham v Sunderland.
Blackburn v Charlton.
Derby v Blackpool.
Chelsea v Southampton (7.45).
Newcastle v Sheffield United.

Today's fixtures

FA CUP: Third round replay: Port Vale v Hull City (7.30).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Hayes (7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath v AP Leamington (7.30).

Leading goalscorers

FIRST DIVISION: A. Gray (Aston Villa), 22; D. Hales (Derby County), 18; M. Macdonald (Arsenal), 15; M. Burns (Birmingham City); P. Mariner (Ipswich Town), 14.

SECOND DIVISION: S. Finnieston (Chelsea), S. Taylor (Bolton Wanderers), 17; A. Evans (Cardiff City), W. Rafferty (Carlisle), 16; M. Walsh (Blackpool), 15.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Old Aldenhamians 3, Old Etonians 0; Lancing OB 0, Old Bradfieldians 5; Old Cholmeleians 5, Old Reptonians 2.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round replay: Old Wellingburians 3, Old Ardinians 3.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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OPERA AND BALLET

COVENT GARDEN. 240 1066. (Gardencharge credit card booking, 836 6903) THE ROYAL OPERA Ton't. & Sat. Eve. 7.30: Ariadne and Naxos. THE ROYAL BALLET Tomor. 7.30: Romeo & Juliet. Wed., Thur. & Fri. 7.30: The Nutcracker. Sat. Mat. 2: La Fille mal gardee. 65 Amphi. seats for all perfs. on sale from 10 a.m. on day of perf.

COLISEUM. (01-836 3161) ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor., Thur. & Sat. 7.30 A Night in Venice: Wed. & Fri. 7.30 La Traviata.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL. Until Saturday. LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET in a spectacular new production of THE NUTCRACKER Tonight at 7.30: Nicol, Dubreuil. Book: 928 3191. General Information: 928 3002.

SADLER'S WELLS TH., Rosebery Ave., E.C.1. 837 1672. Until February 26. D'OYLY CARTE in GILBERT & SULLIVAN Tonight & Tomor. 7.30, Wed. 2.30 & 7.30 The Mikado: Thur. & Fri. 7.30, Sat. 2.30 & 7.30 Yeomen of the Guard.

THEATRES

ADELPHI THEATRE. 01-836 7611. 7.30. Mats. Thurs. 3.0, Sats. 4.0. "LONDON'S BEST NIGHT OUT" "SPECTACLE CAPTIVATING TUNES AND RACY COMEDY."—People. IRENE THE MUSICAL MUSICAL "SLICK SUMPTUOUS—IRENE HAS EVERYTHING."—Daily Express. INSTANT CONFIRMED CREDIT CARD BOOKINGS ON 01-836 7611.

ALBERY. 836 3878. Eves. 8. Mats. Thur. 3. Sats. 5 & 8.15 sharp. National Theatre Production MICHAEL JAYSTON EQUUS by PETER SHAFFER DIRECTED BY JOHN DEXTER "STUNNING & COMPELLING."—Std.

ALDWYCH. 836 6404. Inf. 836 5332. Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Wed. Sat. 2.30 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in Repertoire. Today., tmr., Wed. O'Keeffe's WILD OATS "The Royal Shakespeare Company have struck gold." S. Times. Also: From Thur. Arbuzov's OLD WORLD.

ALMOST FREE. 485 6224. From Monday 10th: PATTY HEARST, by William Tanner. Mon.-Sat. at 1.15 p.m.

AMBASSADORS. 836 1171. ev. 8. Tue. 2.45, Sat. 5.30, 8.30. Seats £1.75 to £3.50 or Dnr./Top price seat £6.30. NIGEL PATRICK, PHYLLIS CALVERT, ISABEL DEAN, JENNIFER HILARY in DENIS CANNAN'S DEAR DADDY "THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL NEW PLAY IN TOWN" Obs. PLAY OF THE YEAR (Society West-end Theatre Award 76)

APOLLO. 01-437 2663. Previews from Wed. Evgs. 8.0, Sat. 5.0 & 8.30. (Opens Jan. 17 at 7.0) JOHN MILLS, JILL BENNETT, MARGARET COURTENAY, ROSE HILL, RAYMOND HUNTLEY, AMBROSINE PHILLPOTTS and ZENA WALKER in TERENCE RATTIGAN'S SEPARATE TABLES Dir. by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE

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GREENWICH, Crooms Hill, S.E.10 (858 7755). Evenings 7.30, Mat. Sat. 2.30 MAX WALL and Friends in a new revue THE GREAT WALL.

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KINGS HEAD. 226 1916. Evgs. 8 (Dnr. 7) Phantom Captain School of Thought present LOADED QUSTIONS "A fine production". W. Lond. Obs. 1.15 p.m. CAKE & CARROTS.

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LYTTELTON (new National Theatre). 928 2252. Tonight, Tomor. & Thur. 7.45 JUMPERS, by Tom Stoppard: Wed. 7.45 last perf. of The Force of Habit: Fri. 7.45. Sat. 2.30 & 7.45 Blithe Spirit. Over 100 excellent £1 seats on sale day of perf. from 8.30 a.m. Car Park. Restaurant reservations 928 2033.

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NATIONAL THEATRE. — See under OLIVIER & LYTTELTON

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EMPIRE, Leicester Sq. 437 1234. All seats may be booked at the box office or by post. BATTLE OF MIDWAY (A). Sep. perfs. Daily. Daily 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.

GATE CINEMA, Nott Hill 727 5750 "SEBASTIANE" (X). 1.15, 2.50, 4.25, 6.00, 7.45, 9.30. AMARCORD (X) and KLUTE (X) 11.15.

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OTHER CINEMA, Tottenham St., Goodge St. Tube W.1. 637 9308. 3.45 YUKONG: THE OILFIELDS (U). 6.30 YUKONG: THE FISHING VILLAGE (U). 9.15 THE CONFESSIONS OF WINIFRED WAGNER Hans Jurgen Syberberg West Germany, 1976. 104 mins (A).

PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. FASSBINDER'S WILD GAME (X) and HERZOG'S GREAT ECSTASY OF WOODCARVER STEINER (U). Progs. 3.30, 5.15, 8.00.

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1. Daily 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30 "Marathon Man" at 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.
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SCENE 1, 2, 3, 4. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470.

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SCENE 4. Cont. perfs. dly. 12.40. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05 SURVIVE (X) Progs. 12.40, 2.20, 4.15, 6.10, 8.10, 10.05. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05. Final Week! Ends Jan. 12. Sts. Thurs. Jan. 13. PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK (A).

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2. CLINT EASTWOOD THE ENFORCER (X). Cont. progs. Dly. 1.10 (not Sun.). 3.30, 5.50, 8.15.
3. STANLEY KUBRICK'S BARRY LYNDON (A). RYAN O'NEAL, MARISA BERENSON. Fully air-conditioned. Sep. progs. 2.30, 7.30.
4. VICTORY AT ENTEBBE (A). Cont. progs. Dly. 1.10 (not Sun.), 3.30, 5.50, 8.15.

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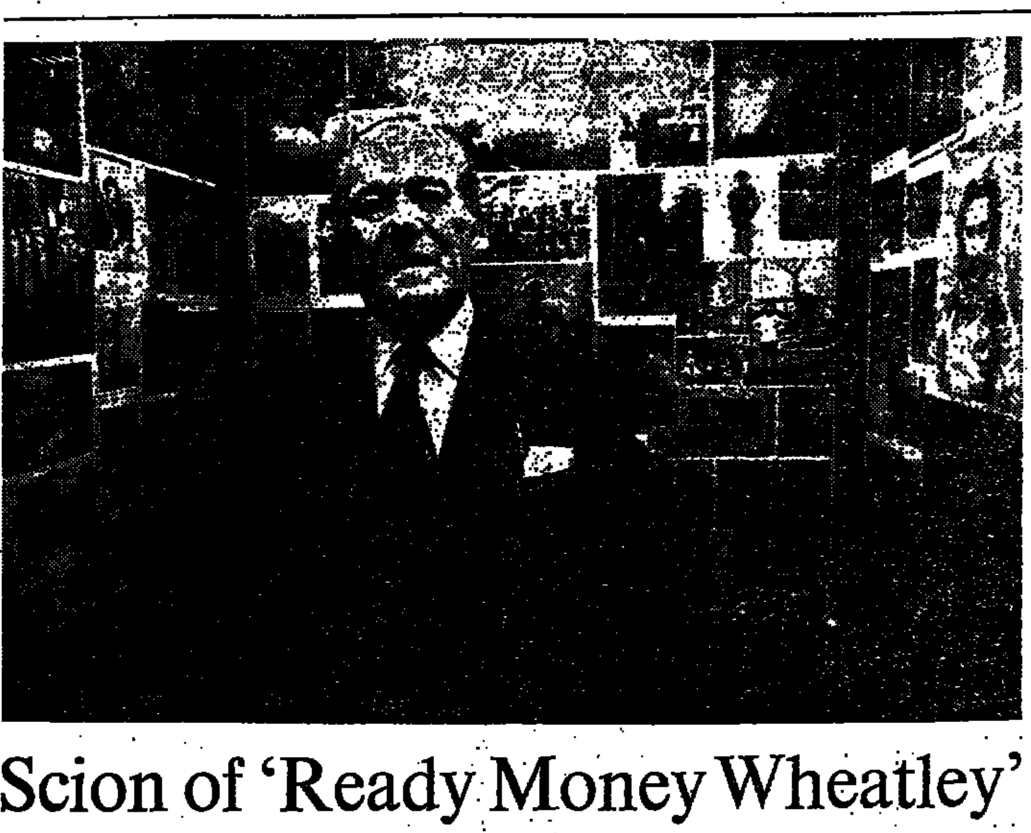


Scion of 'Ready Money Wheatley'

The Time Has Come . . . The Memoirs of Dennis Wheatley

Volume One: The Young Man Said, 1897-1914

(Hutchinson, £4.95)

Dennis Wheatley has made a million pounds out of writing novels, and he didn't begin until he was 35. Now comes his autobiography, in parts like Compton Mackenzie. The narrative flow is fast and uncannily gripping—and yet it doesn't really say very much, new, or of any importance. Occasionally the racy prose lapses into an old man's carping:

Where in these days of the Welfare State does one find gardeners like dear old Gunn D

He was the son of a tradesman in game—a business begun by his grandad "Ready Money Wheatley", grocer, and later wine merchant with a shop at 26/27 South Audley Street and customers throughout the gentry of Mayfair. There are the most marvellous descriptions in this book of the shenanigans of serving the rich, the like of which we never saw in *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

My Lady's Malvern Water came from the tap, often as not. She didn't know. And the profit from the bogus bottles, the faking of customer's accounts was split between butler, butler and chef, and the tradesman. His father created a catering company in which the shareholders included the butlers to nobility. They were exposed, by of all people, Horatio Bottomley's *John Bull*. The enterprise caught a cold but it didn't die.

Young Wheatley was a snob—not a frightful snob but a snob. Spoke well. Loved good food with a passion for tuck. Faddy: butter made him vomit. Hated school meals. He went to prep in Thanet, and then Dulwich College—"God how I hated that rotten school!"—from which he was expelled, and so to HMS Worcester, a training ship on the Thames.

Unlike many reminiscences of Edwardian schooldays Dennis Wheatley's is remarkable; he was not a freak. He was no good at football but an excellent shot. Hated cricket but loved tennis: and a good cox. Loved books but was no intellectual, nor that bright. Had these lovely hands but was willing to fight with his fists. He had a "jamois", a younger boy to kiss and cuddle, and admits he masturbated an awful amount—but he was not homosexual at all. He loved the girls, discovering they too could masturbate, chasing them, frustrated within the dictates of Victorian morality he loathed. He deals with sex so frankly I was surprised in a memoir full of the chattering excitement of a Bulldog Drummond kind. For Wheatley aficionados there is a chapter about the importance of lucky numbers in his life and the mystic power of the stars on his development.

There are fairly standard descriptions of the glittering West End, of family champagne suppers in the Strand after *Our Miss Gibbs*. Most marvellous descriptions of Margate; and his apprenticeship in wine on the Rhine. Learning to drink and tickle the throat to puke, and so drink again in those marathon masculine wine tastings. The modern reader will be shocked at how European society was before 1914. The Isle of Wight was a German holiday resort. *The Young Man Said* doesn't make points. It only describes—but yet again in an Edwardian memoir one realizes what a tragedy was that first world war.

Ray Gosling

Fancy German gloss on Shakespeare

The years since the deaths of Bertolt Brecht and his actress wife Helene Weigel have brought two simultaneous developments in the top echelon of German-language theatre. The Berliner Ensemble, which they founded and led in East Berlin, has declined and today cannot really compare with that great troupe before disintegration set in. Meanwhile, in West Berlin, a largely young company calling itself the Schaubühne am Halleschen Ufer has, by general international consensus, replaced the Berliner Ensemble as the finest German-language theatrical company now performing. Its newest production here, *Shakespeares Memory*, confirms that opinion.

Schaubühne means simply a stage where shows take place—a misnomer here, really, since the company usually eschews anything resembling a conventional stage. They customarily perform in a theatre *am Halleschen Ufer*, the northern bank (named after the city of Halle) of the Landwehr Canal in Berlin's proletarian Kreuzberg borough. For *Shakespeares Memory*, however, they have moved into a huge film-studio hall in remote Spandau.

That title, *Shakespeares Memory*, with its bemusing juxtaposition of German and English, transmits an ephemeral meaning. If I interpret it correctly, it means the collective memory which provided the raw material from which Shakespeare, as a creative artist, drew. This production endeavours, with uneven but sometimes impressive success, to re-create various aspects of the Elizabethan environment in which Shakespeare existed.

Anyone who saw Luca Ronconi's production of *Orlando furioso* or Ariane Mnouchkine's of *1789* will find himself on familiar ground. Peter Stein, the Schaubühne's *primus inter pares*, has staged the new production, and if at times he has done so maddeningly, even infuriatingly, he has also at times shown those touches of theatrical genius which have earned him an unrivalled position among German stage directors today. (In the open house he apparently has much to learn: *Das Rheingold* in Paris recently, Peter Stein's operatic début, came off much less successfully than his work in the theatre.)

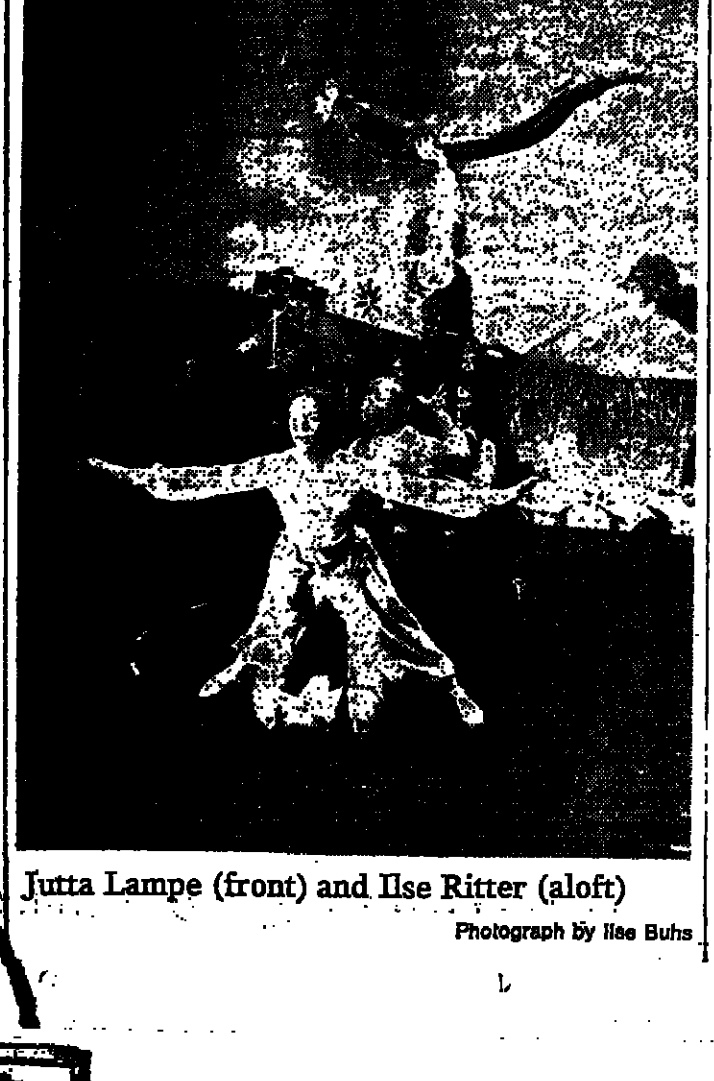
Shakespeare's Memory makes unusual demands upon the audience. Psychologically speaking, one may even accuse the company of an almost contemptuous eggressivity towards its spectators. One comes in and finds no provisions of any kind made for checking the wardrobe advisable for Berlin's winter weather. For the entire seven hours of playing time, divided between two consecutive evenings, the spectator is forced to stand except for about an hour's respite halfway through the first evening.

These players not only stroll, they also do acrobatic and magic tricks, perform a tightrope walk, display their skill at fencing, and in other ways re-create the kind of street performing which Shakespeare knew outside the Globe and which he sometimes brought into it. Mr Stein has staged various simultaneous events at two or more places in the hangar-like hall, making it literally impossible to assimilate everything that goes on.

Lectures with charts and exhibits enlighten us as to the state of such sciences as astronomy and anatomy at the time. A sizable planetarium dome descends and a guide, flat on his back, tells us about the stars the Elizabethans saw. The spoken texts, put together like a collage, come from many other sources besides Shakespeare.

The members of this company regard all this extravaganza merely as one great technical exercise for the first Shakespeare production they have yet to do—probably either *Richard II* or *As You Like It*. In the words of Berlin's leading theatre critic, Friedrich Luft, they have set about it "with downright Teutonic thoroughness". Brilliant, confusing, fascinating, infuriating, it certainly whets the appetite for whatever final form that production of Shakespeare himself may eventually take.

Paul Moor



Jutta Lampe (front) and Ilse Ritter (aloft)

Photograph by Ilse Buhs

Charlie and Buck
Bush

Irving Wardle

Aboard a long-distance bus with brakes that go smoothly down to the floor and a savage dog kennelled in the lavatory, this show takes us on the road from New York to Bridgeport, Connecticut, though for most of the time there seems little chance of getting there.

Hardly has the trip started than the driver takes a steward on board: a pilot who has run out of fuel and parachutes on to the throughway, leaving his jet to crash into a built-up area. Then the passengers pile on: a teenage psychotic with a one-way ticket to the reform school, an ecology fanatic who gets the driver high on marijuana, a salesman pedalling a lie-detector that confirms its findings with a knockout blow, and a myopic hold-up man who mistakes the lounge cruiser for a pizza palace; not to mention a silent old lady who, by the end of the trip, has died of fright.

However, do not go along to the Bush expecting an extravagantly spectacular sequel to *The Big Bus*, as the show is a reunion for the two-man team of Ray Hassett and John Ratzenberger, who bring the disaster-prone trip quite sufficiently to life with the aid of seven chairs and a tape recorder.

They excel in instant costume changes, using the cheapest and simplest means; the hold-up man peers out through a pair of framed potted meat jars, and Mr Hassett, by yanking up his waistband, achieves the slow, wooden strut of a dismounted speed-cop. When Mr Ratzenberger emits a hydraulic hiss for the automatic doors and chucks out an invisible cup of coffee, you see it hitting the bare-chested motor cyclist even before hearing the skid and sickening squelch.

To be frank, it is hard in retrospect to remember just which effects are contributed by the performers and which you imagine for yourself. But the illusion of that bus, careering over open country, a trail of flattened victims in its wake, a go-go dancer holding court in the lounge, and a succession of madmen at the wheel, is complete. At one point Mr Ratzenberger watches the speed-cop remount his vehicle and depart at full throttle. "The nut", he sneers from his imaginary driver's cabin, "he wasn't even riding a bike!" That, I submit, is pantomime.

THE ARTS

Trailing clouds of glory

Aurora's Wedding/ Two Pigeons
Gaumont, Southampton

La Fille mal gardée
Covent Garden

John Percival

Next to *The Sleeping Beauty*, one of the most popular classic ballet productions throughout the past half century has been the suite of highlights derived from it under the title *Aurora's Wedding*. It is good to see it in the touring repertory of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, not only because it pleases audiences, but also for the chances it gives the company's principals and aspirants to show their quality.

As the title suggests, traditionally it includes chiefly dances from the last act, but producers from Diaghilev onwards have included also extracts from elsewhere in the *Beauty* and even from other Tchaikovsky ballets. Peter Wright's new staging comprises almost the whole of the last scene from the most recent Royal Ballet *Beauty*, with the fairies' ensemble and four solos from the prologue. Personally, I would restore the coda which has been omitted from the last *pas de deux*; apart from that, the choice works rather well.

I saw four casts in the leading parts at Southampton last week. In Margaret Barbieri's Aurora there are qualities I have not seen since Fonteyn in her prime: a combination of phrasing, *ports de bras* and facial expression which make the duet and solo not just showpieces but a revelation of character and feeling. However, audiences at other performances need not feel cheated. Vyvyan Lorrayne and two newcomers to the parts, Christine Aitken and Marion Tait, all dance Aurora with understanding and style.

The Bluebird duet, in my opinion, suits Tait even better; the company has two good casts for the ballerina role in that, the other being Brenda Last, brilliant in virtuosity. Petal Miller, too, gives a promising account of the part. One or more of these dancers is always to be found among the four fairy soloists, who maintain at least as high a standard as we have seen at Covent Garden lately, with Sherilyn Kennedy and Beverley Parker showing flair among the young hopefuls.

On the male side, David Ashmole takes the prime honours as both Bluebird and Florimund. His solos are given with exceptional panache and soaring strength; he partners handsomely and carries himself with justified pride. Desmond Kelly's courtliness and Carl Myers's ardour also show well as Florimund. Bluebird gets a bounding performance, although with ragged *entrechats*, from Bernd Berg, and Murray Kilgour showed feeling and vigour in the part despite a heavy cold. Notable, too, is Brian Bertscher's crisp exuberance as Hop o' my Thumb.

Given on a double bill with *Aurora's Wedding* is *The Two Pigeons*, a ballet which audiences seem to approach with some suspicion although they clearly enjoy it once in the theatre. Perhaps the title is too enigmatic: would "The Love birds" give a better idea of the engaging romantic plot?

The three couples I praised in the leads earlier this year have all deepened their interpretations. At Southampton the partnerships were reshuffled to permit two further debuts. Susan Burton, in her first big role, makes the heroine as deliciously funny as I had expected from her playing of tiny parts, and unexpectedly touching too. Desmond Kelly's success in a part demanding light comedy and ardent feeling was more predictable but none the less welcome.

At Covent Garden on Satur day night, David Wall's livel playing of Colas in *La Fille ma gardée* seemed to inspire Laur Connor to explore a little mor deeply the potential humou and sentiment in the role o Lise. Ronald Emblen's Widov Simone was, as ever, diverting but it seemed out of characte for that thrifty French lady having dropped her tablecloth to leave it lying neglected i the farmyard.

The Point
Mermaid

Irving Wardle

Finally unveiled to the press after two cancelled openings, this stage adaptation of Harry Nilsson's animated film has clearly taxed the Mermaid's technical resources to the limit. It is one of the few British productions I have seen that have successfully substituted lighting for scenic pieces.

Peter Whiteman's set resembles a bisected geodesic dome, an irregular scaffolding filled in with a kaleidoscopic assembly of screens for high-definition projection, plus a single, sail-like canvas that slides downstage for changes of focus. With the aid of Mick Hughes's lighting the stage undergoes cinematic transformations of considerable decorative power: especially when pretty-pretty effects (such as a quick-change seasonal cycle) give way to an instant Henri Rousseau forest, or the evocation of winter through hugely magnified ice crystals.

There is also a film screen on which the crowned head of Bernard Miles appears at the start of the show, inviting us to share a rather delicious dream he is having. Well, it may have been delicious on television, but in this version it comes over as a fable of surpassingly winsome spinelessness. We start off in the Land of Point, with a pointed-headed populace admiring a pointed Mona Lisa and knocking back pints of milk. There is also a national triangle-tossing game which gets things moving when the villainous aristocratic contender discovers his low-born adversary to be round-headed.

For that he is banished to the Pointless Forest, whence we follow the heroic Oblio through a second act involving encounters with a gravel-voiced Rock man (Oscar James), a Jewis ragtrade Leafman (Davi Delve), and other fantasti figures who attempt to halt hi progress towards the point.

In the end he finds it, an returns home to proclaim hi discovery that everybody has point: demonstrating that b flourishing his own modishl peaked head. At which poin Mr Miles steps forward to tell us that "being different does not matter", which is precisely the opposite of what the story has just demonstrated. Namely that Oblio only gets back home by learning to conform.

Long before that, however, one has stopped looking for any meaning to emerge from the piece. Put together on the picaresque lines of *The Wizard of Oz*, it merely lines up one bizarre meeting after another with no trace of fairy-tale logic or narrative direction. The separate episodes themselves rely mainly on puns (the Rockman, of course, speaks of being stoned; and the Leafman is opening branches all over the forest), and there is small scope for dramatic relationships to develop as all Oblio is allowed to do is wander about asking ingenuous questions with a friendly smile. Ineffably insipid for adults, the show is also mined with verbal gags that would be largely inaccessible to children.

For this piece of nonsense, Ron Pember's production is graced by a central performance from Wayne Sleep whose whirling aerial choreography does something to compensate for the blank passivity of his lines.

The costumes, balloon dresses that seem to have a life of their own, and various Arthur Rackham forest biomorphs, are also worth writing home about; though Oblio's beloved dog, a rod-puppet hound with a lolling, highly pointed tongue, brings an uneasy television echo.

This notice is reprinted from Friday's later editions.

Park Lane Group
Purcell Room

Max Harrison

To begin with, the Park Lane Group's last concert in their Young Artists and Twentieth Century Music series on Friday, was melody all the way. The first two items were for unaccompanied oboe, played with much skill by Lorraine Wood.

Isang Yun's *Piri*, a work dating from 1971, proved to be mainly a study in tonal distortions and long notes, while Bruno Maderna's *Solo*, another 1971 piece, was more agitated, involving rapid switches between oboe, oboe d'amore, cor anglais, and a rather harsh-toned instrument called a musette. In both compositions some initially surprising sounds were produced, yet neither seems likely to give universal pleasure.

There was a certain amount of improvising in both works, but from the three-man Accord group, on a stage so cluttered with equipment as to be reminiscent of the avant garde concerts of the 1960s, we nex heard an extended collectiv improvisation. The sound were obtained from piano an percussion, and subjected t various sorts of electronic dis tortion, the result being rapid, noisy chattering, withou apparent shape or direction.

After the interval, Miss Woo played some more oboe music starting with Niccolo Casti glioni's *Alef*, which distorte the instrument's sound les than the other pieces. Vink Globokar's *Atemstudie*, ye another 1971 work, is de cribed as a breath study and i it, besides playing the oboe, th performer had to sing, speak blow, suck, and whistle.

Some of those sounds wer picked up by microphones an relayed through various loud speakers. It was hard not t feel that both the pieces especially the Globokar, out stayed their welcome.

Finally Accord returned fo another unnamed ensembl improvisation. It was projecte with more energy than th first, yet otherwise seemed n different.

Ronald Lewis as Archie Rice

After the sudden loss of Patrick O'Connell who played Archie Rice in *The Entertainer*, the Actors Company have found Ronald Lewis to take the role.

The play opens at the Gardner Centre, Brighton, on January 24, and the company then goes on to tour both *Th Entertainer* and *The Amazon* for eight weeks before comin into a London season a Wimbledon from March 21 t April 2. The two production will afterwards be taken on tour of Scandinavia under th auspices of the British Counci

The company also includ for the season Margery Maso Basil Lord, and Emily Richard

A Times Profile

Martin Gilbert

The biographer whose writings form the stuff of history

The fifth volume of Martin Gilbert's biography of Winston Churchill has recently been published to the usual chorus of praise from the critics. It brings Churchill through the wilderness years and to the eve of the Finest Hour. Gilbert does not know how many more volumes there will be. "I adopt the same rule that Randolph set: 'Let the documentation determine'. You cannot tell before you embark on, not a volume, but an episode, what will be there". But already the biography is majestic in scope and depth; it makes John Morley's three-volume life of Gladstone look like a *jeu d'esprit*.

When volume III appeared, Michael Foot wrote: "Whoever made the decision that Martin Gilbert should succeed Randolph Churchill as the official biographer of Winston Churchill deserves a vote of thanks from the nation". Lady Diana Cooper had some hand in it. In 1962, when Gilbert was writing about Neville Chamberlain's foreign policy as a young Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, he visited her to see if what he was writing rang true to her. She was pleased that Duff Cooper's story was to be told in some way, and she wrote a letter to Randolph Churchill: "Darling Randy, Here is Martin Gilbert, an interesting young researching man. Do see him. He is full of zeal to set history right'". Churchill invited Gilbert to come and see him in Suffolk. At first Gilbert was hesitant. "Randolph Churchill's image in those days was of a Fascist beast—the Oxford image. One person had seen him staggering from the Union building in a state of total intoxication; another had heard him shouting and screaming in a blind rage; so my first instinct was not to reply, and my second was to stall the meeting that he wanted. . . . It seemed so remote from the work I was doing, the research, settling down and reading volumes of printed documents and trying to find new archives".

But Churchill became persistent and finally Gilbert decided to accept the invitation to Suffolk. He arrived in the late afternoon. They discussed appeasement until about 2am, ending with a bitter dispute about the role of France at the time of the Munich crisis, as to whether the French had been the weak partner in the Anglo-French relationship, or the British. Gilbert read him documents which showed Chamberlain putting pressure on Daladier to weaken the French resolve not to stand up to Hitler; and Randolph Churchill abused the French. "A lot of wine had flowed. I went to bed feeling rather bruised, slightly offended that he'd been quite so aggressive and bloody-minded." When Gilbert came down to breakfast the next morning, Randolph Churchill was there: "subsequently I don't think I ever saw him at breakfast". Churchill asked him to come to the garden and they walked along his then newly built avenue of rose hoops. Churchill then said: "As you know, I'm writing this biography of my father; I have a small team here and I'd like you to be a member." Gilbert asked for time to think it over. He thought it over and came for a trial in October, 1962. With various breaks for his own work, he remained one of Churchill's research assistants until mid-1967.

One knows from the Evelyn Waugh diaries how difficult it could be to live at close quarters with Randolph Churchill. I asked Martin Gilbert what it had been like to work for him: was he overbearing? Gilbert replied: "He has a character of such infinite variety that if one were to make a statement about one characteristic it would be immediately countered by another. He could be brutal, he could be affectionate; he could be belittling, more than any academic; he could encourage more than any other man in the world; he could make you feel life was not worth living, and you wanted to plunge a knife into his back; but he could also bring tears to your eyes at the feeling that what you were doing was appreciated. The whole atmosphere in the house was . . . like one of those marvellous fairgrounds in St Giles here in Oxford. Noise and colour and lilt—and stink and filth, people elbowing you."

The formal occasions could be as daunting as an interview with the headmaster. "I remember once when Iain McLeod came, and Randolph was at that time very taken with a particular memorandum that his father had written, about 1912, about the North Sea naval battle. His father had set out the scenario of a German invasion across the North Sea, and the Germans marching on London and the surrender of London—a provocative piece which was intended to say to the Government, look, we couldn't actually forestall such an invasion.' . . . The technique was that if there was an assistant he would read a document aloud, from an upstanding desk which had belonged both to Disraeli and to Winston Churchill. Randolph would sit near the desk, watching the guest—and McLeod was a guest. And within a few moments McLeod got bored, or thought the document was a nonsense. He said 'I don't want to hear any more of this.' Absolute rot, it's the most brilliant document', said Randolph, 'you'll hear it to the end.' I thought, goodness me, I know I'm going to take 25 or 30 minutes to read; and I could see McLeod, with whom I certainly wanted the chance of talking, and here I was reading out a document he didn't want to hear. So I skipped five pages. I just turned over five pages. Randolph swung round. 'You've missed out five pages. You will *go back to the beginning*.'"

To go back to Gilbert's own beginning: he was born in London in 1936, the son of a young jeweller who had left school at 11 or 12 and begun his career selling newspapers. Gilbert's father had educated himself. A voracious reader of books, including what were then recent history books, he was especially interested in exploration and discovery and in the quality of political leaders. At Highgate School, Gilbert's historical interest was roused by the books in the library, particularly Motley, Carlyle and Prescott. "I was totally absorbed in Motley's *History of the Dutch Republic*. I remember being completely carried away by the fact that there was so much that could be said and written about a sequence of ordinary events." He liked history books which, "while they conveyed the great excitement of events, were also very precise and logical and advanced through very complex matters". I suggested that this is exactly the kind of grand enterprise he has taken on. "I was never attracted to the grand subject as such: I was always attracted much more to the episode which illuminated character or something that was to happen later. For example, in the new Churchill volume, the events that took place when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1926, where these events throw a light on the development of the thirties, notably the disintegration of his relationship with Neville Chamberlain in the mid-twenties."

Gilbert was going to read geography at Oxford; but a master at Highgate told him that geography was "not a proper subject to study if one wished to go to university". It was always *historical* geography that interested him: at school they had a project on India and he made relief models of India and tried to find out the history of the place. "And this too had an influence. I found out you often couldn't get the answer. You asked the master, who did his best; you went to the reference book. The discovery which I made at school at 16 was that *not everything was known*; and that things on which people laid down the law were equally not properly known. Even in the expert works, one couldn't get the answers."

Two history masters inspired him, Tommy Fox and Alan Palmer. He has since met former Highgate scholars, including Anthony Crosland, who spoke of the influence of these men. Gilbert recalls: "Tommy Fox was by any standard eccentric, with very thick lenses in his glasses and eight or nine wisps of hair shooting away from his bald head. He discarded the formal curriculum, he urged one to read widely, he was interested in essays on the things one wanted to explore, he was quite sharp and biting and deflated the ego and the Carlylean style. It was clear from him that this work one was doing was not merely repeating what other people had done; there were some things which, if one read through a wide enough range of—in this case, printed—sources, one could put together something which was one's own perspective."

Alan Palmer was a younger master, who left school and went on to write several history books. "He was full of enthusiasm and encouragement. All my life I've found the two types, whether among one's pupils or one's teachers, one's colleagues or one's critics: those who, however much they may disagree with you, encourage you, are excited, urge you to go on, see something of the quality of the material; and those for whom everything is to be belittled and run down and not taken seriously."

He found the same parallel among his teachers at Oxford. "There was Bruce McFarlane, the great medievalist, a very severe critic—absolutely the most severe critic!—but you knew that if you took him something, and you'd really worked hard, and you'd really been honest with yourself (and after all there was a side of Oxford which encouraged cleverness and clever-dickery)—if you took him something that was absolutely true, he responded: and he'd be interested from the point of view of not just patting you on the back, but of saying 'Right, from that point we can now go on. From that evidence you've assembled, I will now show you a new Aladdin's cave of evidence beyond'. If you produced a poor essay . . . something that was sloppy, then that door of Aladdin's cave was closed. You got a cold reception and it was clear that one was not welcome. On the other side, one had tutors who knew, if one had produced something on which one had worked hard, it didn't matter to them." He finds the same division between enthusiasts and belittlers among his critics today: "Those people who, whether for or against Churchill (for after all mine is not a hagiography, and the readers don't have to applaud each piece of evidence) find the evidence exciting and see this is real evidence, real new material; and those for whom it's all—'Well, Winston Churchill: I know all the answers on *him*'.

Gilbert's other main tutor at Oxford was A. J. P. Taylor, whom he recalls with mixed feelings. "When I went up to

Oxford in 1957, Taylor was the hero of thousands of schoolboys, who, having plodded through British history and reached the nineteenth century, suddenly found this very exciting, stimulating writer. Actually in the year I went up he was working on the period that I was to become involved in professionally—the origins of the Second World War. So because he was working on this period, and excited by it, I was influenced by him. I found him a very encouraging person; but I never accepted his view of history. I have probably been propelled along my road—my methodological road—because of what I regarded as his very bad influence upon historical writing, and on people who studied history. His method, that you do it by feel. As he said to me: 'Green fingers. I've got green fingers.'

Evidence is something you play with as a kitten plays with a ball of wool. But as for demanding more evidence, as for scarching, he always said 'No, you don't need that. These are the facts on which I am building my arguments'—and other facts were not of importance to him. And he, who has written about Churchill a great deal, has always got it wrong. In my view, he's never been curious enough to get to the bottom of things. Once he has formed his view, then he builds a *brilliant* apparatus on it, but he builds this structure on shifting sands. . . . He himself very rarely gives sources for his major statements, and when you get down to the sources you find the story is so different." Gilbert added: "I do have a further sadness *vis-à-vis* Taylor: I believe that if you adopt this more frivolous attitude, that sources and painstaking research are not central to the historian's craft, you mislead people because you turn it all into a game. The Second World War becomes jolly good fun. Hitler becomes something about whom you joke. The conflict of ideologies, which people took very seriously at the time, is dismissed in an epigram or, to make an impact, it is set upon its head."

I asked whether Gilbert's view of history was at all coloured by his being Jewish. He said he did not have a deeply religious background: sometimes he went to the school chapel, sometimes to the synagogue. The attitude of the school was agnostic and radical: "I remember that one was taught to admire those who were contemptuous of religion. One of the masters read Karl Marx's views on religion, and we were all impressed—here was this great figure, buried only a few minutes' walk from the school, who had said these extraordinary things." Gilbert also spent two years in the army, "which also cuts one off from any organized spiritual background, even from any personal time of reflection." He became interested in Jewish history through his history, not through his Jewishness. "Not so much as an undergraduate, when, as you know, one had a punishing historical schedule with the twice-weekly essay which was, like the army, not conducive to too much reflection: but afterwards, when I began my research into the '30s, stumbling across the Jewish question as a factor of British political history and of international affairs. And then Churchill was quite a revelation to me, because first of all—and this was why I went to Jerusalem for the first time only some five years ago—he had become very involved in the whole question of a Jewish national home. He'd been Colonial Secretary in 1921 and 1922 at a time when the British Government had to decide whether or not to go ahead with the Jewish national home at all, and if so in what form; and in volume IV I had to deal with those things. . . . I got as interested in Ireland: for every page on Palestine, I'm sure there are three on Ireland—and one is talking about 100 pages on Palestine and 300 on Ireland. Moving on into the '30s the real impact was made as far as I was concerned."

He asked himself the question: "What was Churchill devoting his days to? He had this enormous capacity for work—started very early in the morning and went on to late at night; he had a social life, but while he worked, the work was sacrosanct. A ruthless partition of the day. So what was this man working on from seven in the morning to lunchtime, from 10 in the evening to 2.30—working feverishly, frantically. What went on? What were the subjects? And I discovered that one of the things that upset him was the Nazi persecution of the Jews as a race. He was disturbed, of course, by the persecution of trade unionists or of Catholics, or of people who had committed no crime, or belonged to no group; but he did find that the persecution of a whole people simply because you could say of a person (sometimes with difficulty as the Nuremburg Laws of 1935 set out) "He is a Jew"—that was abhorrent. I found that he had held this view even before Hitler came to power; and that in every speech . . . and article dealing with the German question, he dealt with the Jewish question; he said, "We cannot divorce the two; we may and will have sympathy for the German aspirations, to escape from the postwar economic depression, the shackles of Versailles" as he interpreted it (and of course in 1919 he'd been against the terms of Versailles), "we may feel that Germany has legitimate interests in central Europe, economic, political; but this Nazi regime with the persecution of the Jews at its centre can never be a partner for the British democracy because this is their hallmark". These are the things that I found, and I was very surprised, because I could not remember—and I've read every word A. J. P. Taylor has written on Churchill and Hitler—either in A. J. P. Taylor or in some 20 or 30 other works that have come out on Churchill and this period, anybody mentioning his persistent, deep, total concern for the persecution of the Jews as the sign that the Nazis were not simply another political movement, right, left, autocratic, liberal, fascist, nationalist—but that there was something driving them forward that was evil.

Gilbert was impressed that Churchill had studied in detail the Nuremburg Laws which turned the Jews into second-class citizens and led to their immediate elimination from German public life. "He studied; he talked to people who knew about it; he got the text of the laws; he worked out what it was about. When, three years later, the Germans entered Austria, *The Times* newspaper, which figures very largely in volume V, published an account of events in Vienna. He was so angry about it, because it was not a true account such as he had been receiving from eye-witnesses. It was a *clever* account; it had become political. *The Times* was using the events of the German occupation of Austria to fit its own view of world events; and therefore the appalling persecution of the Jews on those first few days was not a feature of *The Times'* reporting; but it was a feature of the events in the streets of Vienna which the *Times* correspondent witnessed. And when Churchill received independent accounts he sent them at once to the editor of *The Times*; he said 'You really must be honest'."

I asked him about his 1960s books on the subject. *The Appeasers* (written with Richard Gott) and *The Roots of Appeasement* and Britain and Germany between the Wars. What view had he formed of the appeasers? Had he changed it by the time he wrote volume V of the Churchill biography? Gilbert said that when he wrote the earlier books, the modern historians' charter, the Public Record Act of 1965, was not in force. So he was labouring under the restrictions of the 50-year rule, which meant that official papers—"the whole vast spectrum of archives from the Cabinet down to the Board of Trade"—were closed for the Munich period. When he first began working for Randolph Churchill he still had to get special permission from the then First Lord of the Admiralty to look at 1913 Admiralty papers.

Suddenly, with the Public Record Act, "an enormous goldmine—which makes even the Russian gold-mines look pathetic—was opened up" and in common with all other modern historians he had to start work again. The printed evidence was nothing compared to what was to be opened up on January 1, 1966. "It's what makes *Churchill* volume V very different, much fuller, much more precise, dealing with meetings of which in 1962, 1964 and 1966 when I wrote the three other books, there could be no record—and could, at that point, not be a record for another 20 years, so one had to write something. And when new material comes up, people are very reluctant to alter their views formed on the previous lot of material." Gilbert had to change some of his views. "I had not realized the extent to which Neville Chamberlain's Cabinet were prepared to deceive Parliament. I had not realized the extent to which they chose to ignore the evidence of Hitler's intention put before them; I'd not realized at all how far junior members of the Cabinet had broken away from Chamberlain's policy and how desperate they were; even in Duff Cooper's case—which one had known about because he'd resigned—one had not known how for a year he had persistently carried on a campaign for a greater armament and a greater vigilance in foreign affairs.

"Indeed it was Duff Cooper—I put this in my book—who was the only Cabinet minister to oppose Chamberlain's rule for the BBC, that Churchill and other so-called 'controversial' speakers should not speak on foreign affairs. He said he couldn't see why independent opinion shouldn't be allowed on the BBC; but he was then a minority voice. . . . And finally, no one had then realized the extent to which, after Munich, far from using the so-called 'year gained' to rearm, Chamberlain had adopted a quite different policy and a quite different attitude, that *now* the time had come for a real agreement with Hitler which would make massive rearmament unnecessary, and disarmament a possibility. And I document them both from the Cabinet and the Cabinet committee meetings (and you must remember that a lot of the important decisions were made, not in the Cabinet where there were dissenting voices, but in very small Cabinet committees which Neville Chamberlain set up of three or four ministers of like mind) and also in Chamberlain's letters to his sister—a complete set of which is in the University Library at Cambridge—in which almost from day to day he gave her his gloss on affairs. You'll remember how in volume three, Asquith's letters to Venetia Stanley, every day describing in detail the shifts of opinion in the Cabinet, were one of my most important sources—one of the most important sources for understanding what Churchill, Lloyd George, Grey, Asquith and Kitchener the war council figures of those days, were doing, saying, thinking, hoping for; and here in this volume, Chamberlain's letters to his sister form a similar pattern."

I asked Gilbert whether there were still any restraints on him. Before answering any question, he pauses like a man counting 10 to control his anger. He is not, of course, angry: just thinking out the best form of answer like the first-class examinee his degree artests him. This time he pauses longer than usual, but finally: "There are no restraints. . . . There are obviously things which I would still like to know. On the other hand I feel pleased—not self-satisfied—that some of the things I thought I was not going to be able to tell I managed to find. So on balance I'd say it worked out well in that regard. Desmond Morton's true relationship with Churchill; their actual correspondence from day to day. The material which Ralph Wigram, a senior member of the Foreign Office, brought to him at Chartwell. The material which Wing Commander Anderson, the Director of Training at the Air Ministry, brought him. At the beginning there was a confusion. What was this material, when did it cover—but finally, making use of his desk diary, his appointments diary, the notes which his secretary prepared for him as to who was coming . . . his own speech notes . . . I was able to trace through the different typewriters who and where. So in the end it all became clear and it was possible to tell a very detailed story of these sources of information, and answer the question which historians have asked, 'Where did he get his information from?' and to answer it faithfully."

Work on the biography divides naturally into phases. "There is the phase of collecting material, when one is mostly travelling; perhaps 50 per cent of the material is in London, so travel sounds perhaps more exotic than it is; one is going from archive to archive, going through files. It's the slowest of the processes.

Gilbert likes to write on the largest sheets of paper: he started work in the era of foolscap and he wrotes on foolscap, but now, with the introduction of A4, he writes on A4. "In the transition period, one had very odd-looking files." He likes, in transcribing a document, to transcribe it in full. "I am a severe critic of the three dot brigade. One has constantly to make the decision where to end the quotation, but I have formed a rule: never take something out of the middle of a sentence." (The "never" has a positively Churchillian ring to it.) He also prepares many chronologies on long sheets of paper which he hangs from his lamps like giant flypapers. They are marked, in different colours, with blobs, dots and dashes to indicate the gaps.

Collecting the material for volume five was a year's work. "I had no teaching or lecturing obligations; I simply collected material. Then followed the phase of going through the Churchill papers, which are here in a vault in Oxford. . . . And still, of course, gaps would emerge, and one would have to scuttle off to London or Birmingham or St Andrews and fill in the gaps. Then came the oral evidence phase—always in some ways the most enjoyable, and also the most nerve-racking. Having been a private throughout my National Service I found myself very nervous when approaching my first Field Marshal.

"He put me at my ease by urging me to have a haircut." Then comes the final stage which he finds the most difficult. "One takes off one's tie, puts on the kettle, and settles down at the desk to write. . . . I like to write in longhand in bound notebooks. I write on the right-hand side and then go through it until, eventually, with the rewriting and the correcting, the thing becomes almost illegible. I have quite a neat handwriting but it disintegrates both as the day goes on and as the pace or excitement of the writing goes on. I use lots of different inks: I have five or six pens waiting about, and favourite nibs on different days."

Gilbert likes to let the history speak for itself, not in mangled paraphrase. "One is in a position which today's biographer of Fox or the younger Pitt or Cromwell can never be in. It's an opportunity which one should take because the next generation will not be able to take it. . . . There's no attempt at subterfuge or turning later recollection into contemporary document: I always say in the book 'Thirty-five years later Macmillan recalled' —so the reader can then judge for himself. . . . The things I select for the book are atmospherics, little descriptions of Chartwell, little recollections of 30 or 40 years later, those which have still remained vivid. And my method was to write to every single person in the Visitors' Book who was still alive, and it included people who would write back: 'I only went to Chartwell once, but I have a vivid memory of it'—and I knew what the once was, it was June 28, 1928; so whatever the recollection was, I could place it on the correct page and part of the page. People like Harold Macmillan and Lord Boothby, who knew Churchill very well in that period, and some 60 or 70 people who were his colleagues and his friends and assistants, have enabled a marvellous picture of a personality to emerge—sometimes confirming, sometimes diverging from the picture which the author is assembling."

For similar reasons, he is keen on lavish illustration of the volumes. "It's exactly like talking to the people who knew Churchill. If one were able to stumble across Cromwell's photograph album, if photography had been invented; imagine if I could say to you, here are 2,000 photographs of Oliver Cromwell's period as ruler of England. How many facets would not be brought to light!

I asked Gilbert whether he did not sometimes feel the urge to make history rather than write it. Surely his conversance with history, which he praised so highly in Churchill, would fit him for the life of an active politician? "I'm a professional historian; I'm content with that. It keeps my time very filled. I have always liked teaching, and I like to feel that some of the things I've put together in these books will be of more than antiquarian interest. The economic problems volume V deals with; the problem of India and the Third World; the problem of Appeasement—all are contemporary problems. People who read the books, write: 'I was amazed that Churchill's work at the Exchequer seems so relevant today' and when you read it you'll see why, because it deals with all the question of industry unemployment, incentive and social conscience."

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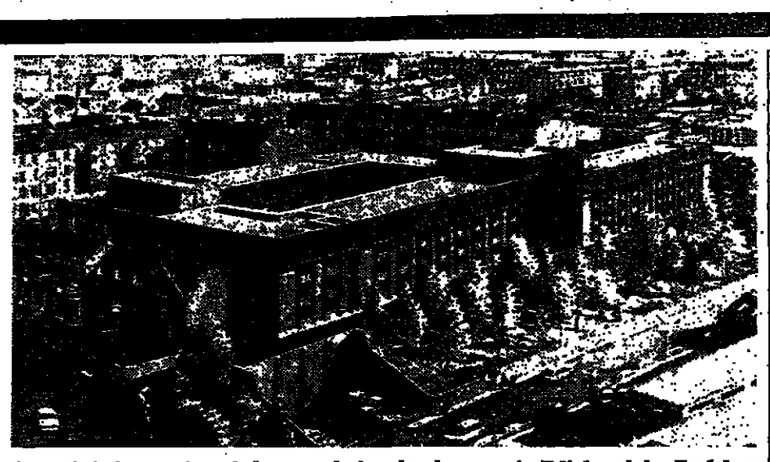

An artist's impression of the speculative development in Edinburgh by Trafalgar House Group.

North-west has empty factories

A somewhat gloomy picture of industrial property in the North-west is painted in a survey carried out by Edward Rushton Son and Kenyon, the Manchester agents. It shows that more than 23 million sq ft of factory or warehouse space is for sale or to let and is available for occupation.

The survey covers the four counties of Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire, where the regional total of available premises has continued to rise steadily over the past year from 17.6 million sq ft in December, 1975, to 21.6 million sq ft last April, and now to 23 million sq ft.

But the report points out that while the total has continued to grow in the region as a whole, and in three of the four counties, it has dropped marginally in Greater Manchester since last April, from 12.1 million sq ft to 11.6 million sq ft.

The improvement in Greater Manchester covers industrial and warehouse property of all types except old multistorey buildings, 6.1 million sq ft of which continue to be available.

The most significant factor in the region as a whole, the survey says, and one that differentiates the North-west from the rest of the country, is that 40 per cent of its available buildings are accounted for by old multistorey ones. That 40 per cent, amounting to no less than 9.2 million sq ft, must be considered a big burden to the region in its hopes for continued industrial modernization.

The worst effects of the economic recession can be seen in the figures for Merseyside, where the survey shows there has been an increase of 28 per cent in the available space since last April and one of 60 per cent over the past year. The increases apply to all types of factory and warehouse buildings, from modern trading estates to old multistorey buildings.

Edward Rushton say that in the region generally good quality modern buildings suitable for a variety of uses and new estates in key locations have continued to find purchasers or tenants. Prime properties are still sought after, but secondary properties and developments are continuing to remain on the market for long periods.

News of an unusual foreign property sale comes from Jones Lang Wooton, who have recently sold by auction in Hongkong a site for redevelopment with planning permission for a 12-storey block of flats with a gross floor area of 38,500 sq ft. A local development company paid $HK9.45m (or about £1.2m). The sale was on behalf of the Australian Commission, which for some years had owned the key site in the Lower Peak area behind the central business district.

Jones Lang Wootton say that it was one of the first auctions of any significance to be held on the island by a firm of estate agents for a long time and could well set a new trend; as land for redevelopment usually comes under the hammer only when it is released by the Crown through the Government Auctioneer. The firm is also to offer at auction a number of other properties, including an industrial site at Kwai Chung.

In London more than £100,000 has been paid by Wates for a site at 32-33 St James's Palace, adjoining Dukes Hotel. The sale was through Knight Frank and Rutley and Richard Ellis, acting for mortgagees. The site was formerly owned by a subsidiary of Amalgamated Investment and Property Co.

Wates are planning an office building of about 7,500 sq ft, including a residential fourth floor. Work is due to begin in the spring; the architects for the building are the Douglas Feast Partnership.

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society have agreed to buy the freehold interest in a shop and office development under construction in Victoria Road, Farnborough, Hampshire.

Scottish Mutual paid nearly £750,000 and are providing interim finance. The scheme will comprise 13,000 sq ft of offices, with three shops on the ground floor, and has been prelet to a London company at a rent of about £4.25 a sq ft.

Peter Charles Properties, who initiated the scheme and will manage the development of the site, were advised by Pearson Williams, of Reading, and Hillier Parker May and Rowden acted for Scottish Mutual. Completion is due at the end of the year.

In Edinburgh work has started on the large speculative development by the Trafalgar House Group in Brandon Street. Completion is due next year. The site of 3.4 acres has planning permission for 122,000 sq ft of lettable offices and the new building, designed by Covell Matthews Partnership, will be in the form of a three-storey quadrangular block. A nineteenth-century building in Brandon Street will be restored to form the main entrance to the scheme.

Trafalgar acquired the site from R and R. Clark Ltd, a subsidiary of Mardon Packaging International, whose printing works have been moved elsewhere. The building contract, worth £2.18m, has gone to Willett Ltd and the letting agents are Healey and Baker of London.

Three Stars Properties are soon to begin building a new shopping development at Wetherby, near Harrogate. To be known as the Horsefair Centre, the scheme will be on a site of three acres at the junction of North Street and Horsefair, and the design, by Lister, Drew and Associates provides for a supermarket of 30,000 sq ft, a store of 5,000 sq ft and 14 additional shops, with parking for 150 cars.

Completion is due in the spring of next year. Harrogate and District Co-operative Society have taken the supermarket, and the store has also been let. Letting is through Healey and Baker.

For Anglia Commercial Properties, a subsidiary of Finance for Industry, Chestertons in conjunction with Boardman and Oliver of Sudbury have let further units on the Chilton Industrial Estate at Sudbury. The latest letting, to KDC International Ltd, represented by Henry Butcher and Co, is of two adjoining units totalling about 18,000 sq ft, at an initial rent of £14,700 a year exclusive.

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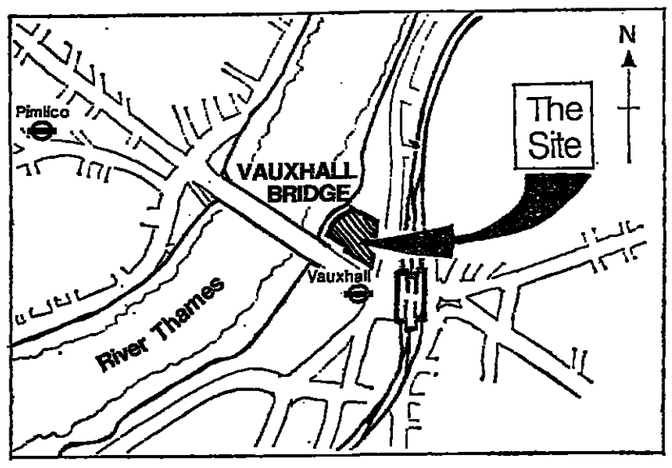

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NORTHUMBERLAND County Council

COUNTY TREASURER £10,740-£11,514

Applications are invited from qualified accountants with wide relevant local government experience and proven management ability to succeed the present holder of this appointment, who will become the County's Chief Executive on 1 May 1977.

The County Treasurer is responsible for the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs, for the management of the Finance Department, and as a member of the Chief Officers' team will participate in all the corporate activities and work of the team in relation to the Council's work as a whole.

Application forms returnable by 28 January 1977, and further particulars from the Chief Executive, County Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1SA.

Cranfield

Chair in Product Management

The National College of Agricultural Engineering (which is a School of the Cranfied Institute of Technology) intends to appoint a Professor of Product Management who will complement existing areas of work by analysing the inter-relationships between industry and agriculture, and will develop studies in product planning, market research and market planning.

Further particulars may be obtained in confidence from:

Professor B. A. May,
HEAD OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING, SILSOE, BEDFORD, MK45 4DT, TELEPHONE: SILSOE (STD CODE 0525) 60428.

Council for National Academic Awards

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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Candidates for the post should be well qualified academically and should have had appropriate teaching and/or academic administrative experience.

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Further particulars of the post may be obtained from:
The Secretary,
Council for National Academic Awards,
344/354 Gray's Inn Road,
London,
WC1X 8BP,
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University of Nottingham Medical School

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Further details and an application form may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Medical School Faculty Office, University Hospital and Medical School, Clifton Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 2UH, to whom completed applications should be returned by the 5th February 1977.

ITALIAN, TURKISH and Persian Teachers required part-time by School of Languages. Ring 580 6246 or 637 9727.

PART TIME school Secretary to help overworked Principal in N.W.4. Chemistry teacher for 2 days p.w. also required. 202 9748.

Loughborough High School

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HEAD

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Further details may be obtained from
The Clerk to the Governors,
Loughborough Endowed Schools,
6 Burton Walks,
Loughborough, Leics.
Tel. (STD 0509) 68821.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL GUILDFORD, SURREY

APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

The School becomes Independent in September 1977, and the Governors are seeking a person with proven success in administration and business management. A similar role or career in industry, commerce, public service or the armed services would be relevant. The successful candidate would start work in the next few months.

A full account of the School's circumstances and of the responsibilities of the Bursar may be obtained from the Clerk to the Governors, The Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 3BB.

BODLEIAN LIBRARY

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Librarian in the Department of Oriental Books. Applicants should have a good honours degree in Japanese. Duties will include the acquisition and cataloguing of materials in Japanese and Korean. The salary scale runs from £3,333 to £6,655 per annum, with an efficiency bar at £5,627.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Library, Bodleian Library, Oxford, OX1 3BG, to whom applications giving a curriculum vitae and the names of two referees, should be made not later than 1 February, 1977.

The Edinburgh Academy

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Full particulars of the post may be had from The Rector, The Edinburgh Academy, Edinburgh EH3 5BL, to whom applications should be sent giving full details of education, qualifications, experience, etc., and the names of two referees.

University of Southampton

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Consequent upon the appointment of Professor A. Carrington to a Science Research Council Senior Fellowship, applications are invited for a

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

in any area of chemical physics/physical chemistry.

The post is available for two years in the first instance with the possibility of extension for a further period of up to three years.

Starting salary will be at the appropriate point on salary scale £3,333 to £6,655 per annum.

Further particulars from D. A. S. Copland, The University, Southampton SO9 5NH to whom applications, including a curriculum vitae and names of two referees should be sent as soon as possible and not later than 28th February 1977. Please quote reference 313/A/T.

Worcester and Hertford Colleges, Oxford

FELLOWSHIP AND LECTURERSHIP IN LAW

Worcester College, Oxford, proposes to elect an Official Fellow and Tutor in Law from 1st October 1977. The Fellowship will be held in conjunction with a Lectureship at Hertford College, and associated with a University Lectureship (C.U.F.). Preference may be given to persons with interests in Land Law and Equity.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Provost's Secretary, Worcester College, Oxford. The closing date for applications is 25 January, 1977.

University of Exeter

Applications are invited for a third Chair of Education, tenable from 28 September 1977. No specific field is prescribed for the Chair; qualifications in curriculum or educational psychology will be of particular interest but applicants with an established reputation in a different aspect of education (for instance, in overseas education) will be given equally serious consideration. The salary will be on the agreed professorial range: minimum £8,106, average £9,489 p.a.

Further particulars may be obtained from
The Academic Registrar and Secretary,
UNIVERSITY OF EXETER,
Northcote House,
The Queen's Drive, Exeter, EX4 4QJ,
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All recruitment advertisements on this page are open to both male and female applicants.

The London Graduate School of Business Studies

LECTURER IN ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Organisational Behaviour from Social Scientists. The successful candidate, who should have research and/or practical experience in the field, may come from an academic, industrial, consulting, trade union or government organisation. He or she will be expected to contribute to the range of courses in the School: post-graduate, post-experience and special short courses: to carry out appropriate consultancy and to develop research activities.

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Dr. Denis Pym,
London Graduate School of Business Studies,
Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4SA.
Telephone: 01-262 5050.
from whom further details may be obtained.
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The Polytechnic of Central London

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The University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

CHAIR OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Applications are invited from candidates whose interests and experience lie in the field of electrical power and machines for the Chair of Electrical Engineering. The successful candidate will be expected to have demonstrated the ability to stimulate research and teaching in the heavy-current field and to continue actively the policy of close cooperation with the power engineering industry on Tyneside and elsewhere.

This post will be available from the 1st October, 1977 following the retirement of the present holder, Professor R. L. Russell. Salary in accordance with the professorial scale (at present £8,105—£8,810) with superannuation benefits.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (15 copies), giving the names of not more than three referees must be lodged not later than 21st February, 1977. (Applicants from outside the British Isles may submit one copy only.) Please quote reference T.

DEAN of the City University Business School

The post, which is open to both men and women, has fallen vacant following the retirement of Mr David Glen, O.B.E., M.A. The salary for the post is within the range for professors, and superannuation is in accordance with the provisions of the Universities Superannuation Scheme.

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However, the ministry (renamed since 1970 the Department of Employment) has never measured up to the unions' expectations. Its political and administrative role has been constantly undermined while the unions' own influence has expanded independently. Consequently there seems no longer the need for a special "labour" ministry. Like the miners, it should perhaps be pensioned off at 60.

The ministry's creation aroused far less controversy than some of the Department of Employment's recent legislation. The relevant Bill passed the Commons in three days, the Lords in one. Conservative peers fell over themselves to insist "we have reached a time in the history of the country when it is absolutely necessary to have a Ministry of Labour". Parliamentary approval had been anticipated. Since early December John Hudge, the 20-stone general secretary of the Steel Smelters' Union, had been installed in office. He had already ordered the arrest of three militants in Liverpool.

The political purpose of the ministry in 1917 was clear: to bind the Labour Party to the Lloyd George coalition and, after the Somme massacre, to guide Britain towards its first manpower policy. The early arrests confirmed the militants' fears of regimentation; but the labour movement had long wanted its own ministry to coordinate administration of interest to the unions, to be a "national authority for unemployment" and above all to guarantee that at least one Cabinet minister was sympathetic to union aspirations.

Before 1939, the ministry was politically insignificant, despite its responsibility for industrial relations, unemployment and the social services. The rise of the Labour Party and the wartime growth of the unions themselves meant that cabinets had to be ever mindful of labour's interests. The special pleading of a minister of labour was no longer so necessary. The official policy of "divide and conciliate" prevented any dramatic achievement in industrial relations. Unemployment policy was predetermined, as ever, by the Treasury. Significant initiatives in social policy (the creation of the Unemployment Assistance Board) and regional policy (the special areas acts) were hived off to semi-independent administrative bodies.

Administrative reputations nevertheless were made at the inter-war Ministry. Its officials were expert in vital if unfashionable areas of policy and their advice was constantly sought. They also enjoyed some notable victories. Working class living standards were successfully defended against Treasury attack. If unemployment pay was reduced by 10 per cent in the public expenditure cuts of 1931, for the married man with two children it had risen in real terms by 240 per cent over the previous 10 years. In 1934, Chamberlain's attempt to condemn the unemployed to a thinly-disguised Poor Law was also defeated.

This expertise was duly rewarded in the Second World War, when allied to the political leadership of Ernest Bevin. A successful manpower policy was the key to Britain's victory and Ministry officials were closely involved in preparing the Beveridge Report and the 1944 Full Employment White Paper, the two documents that were to dominate post-war economic and social policy. Personal recognition came at the end of the war with the appointment of eight officials to the rank of permanent secretary or its equivalent.

In 1945 returned the problem of what the Ministry's peacetime role should be. Under a Labour Government its political role seemed superfluous, and some general secretaries of the TUC, notably George Woodcock, resented its existence as a buffer between them and the government. With the creation of the NEDC, and later the social contract, this intermediary role was made even more redundant. After the war it had been quickly relieved of its responsibility for social services and regional policy. It was thus left with industrial relations which—at that time—demanded political neutrality. Sir Walter Monckton, the archtetypal minister of the 1950s, refused even to address the Conservative Party conference whilst Minister. The Ministry was suffocating to death.

In the 1960s the Ministry's future, like many other problems, was seriously questioned but only half answered. The Ministry consciously abandoned its neutral image, seeking to promote positive industrial legislation even when this was not immediately acceptable to employers and unions. Under Heath and then Hare, the Ministry led rather than followed consensus by drawing up such reforms as the Redundancy Payments, Industrial Training and Contracts of Employments Acts. There was, however, a limit to such legislation. Officials wanted to expand the Ministry by reabsorbing its interwar responsibility for social services to form (as in Germany) a Ministry of Labour and Social Services. Instead, for a brief unhappy spell under Barbara Castle, it was given new powers over economic planning.

In the 1970s the Ministry's history has been dominated by attempts to reform industrial relations and by the hiving off to autonomous bodies of its remaining administrative responsibilities. The inclusion of certain clauses in the Industrial Relations Act (like the handling of the 1973 miners' strike) is known to have been against official Ministry advice. The Ministry nevertheless suffered in the backlash. At the TUC's insistence, responsibility for conciliation and arbitration was hived off to ACAS, just as earlier (for administrative reasons) employment, training, health and safety had been dispersed among independent agencies. Policy might gain from the constructive participation of interested parties on these bodies; but the corollary is the reduction of the Department of Employment to a rump, merely monitoring the activities of these agencies and providing a think-tank on productivity and further employment legislation.

Whether at a time of economic retrenchment there is a need for the apparatus of a full ministry to discharge such limited functions must be questioned. Politically the Department may be necessary, as a token that a Conservative Cabinet will not ignore Labour's interests, that a Labour Cabinet will not ignore its trade union wing. Administratively, however, it is less able than ever to coordinate employment policy, let alone the full range of social policies which the social contract has now made the TUC's business. With the independence of ACAS, the Department is no longer able to play its invaluable historic role as a link between Cabinet, Whitehall and grass-root trade union opinion. After helping to pioneer a revolution in the attitudes of the British Civil Service, the Department seems to have served its purpose. The wheel has turned full circle. The unions have become so powerful that they no longer need "their own" ministry. Employment policy, logically, should be administered once again by the Board of Trade or more precisely its successor, the Department of Industry.

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Ocean Island: Britain must do her moral duty

"It seems to me that I am powerless to give the plaintiffs any relief in these matters. . . . But in litigation against the Crown in which the Attorney General is a party I think a Judge ought to direct attention to what he considers to be a wrong that he cannot right and leave it to the Crown to do what is considered to be proper. Accordingly I draw the attention of the Attorney General to the matters of criticism that appear in this judgment, and in particular the two that I have just mentioned."

The Hon Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment on the Banabans' action against the Crown

In their painfully long and expensive lawsuits brought against the British Government and Phosphate Commissioners, the Banabans, as *The Times* rightly reported on December 4, won "a clear moral victory in court but little money". In essence the issue always was one of morality not money since the action taken against the British Government came only after years of pleading by this little community for the restoration to them of their ancestral homeland, Ocean Island.

Call for a fresh start was ignored

In his impeccable judgment, Mr Justice Megarry went to the heart of the matter. In directing the Attorney General's attention to grave breaches in the obligations of past colonial administrations towards the Banabans which his court was unable to remedy, he returned this issue to the political sphere from which the government should never have allowed it to depart in the first place.

In April, 1975, accompanied by Mr John Lee (Labour, Handsworth), I visited the Pacific at the invitation of the Banabans. We found their initially startling claims of ill-treatment at the hands of Britain to be fully justified. We reported to the secretary of state in full upon our return, and called for immediate talks between the governments of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and the United Kingdom with a view to wiping the slate clean and making a fresh start.

We recommended that this should be done irrespective of the cases which even then were before the High Court. The joint recommendations we made were ignored. Now, 20 months later, and after the expenditure of legal fees reported to amount to close on a million pounds, the judge has drawn the Government's attention to the moral and political obligation towards this small people of which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has been aware all along. These had been set out carefully in our joint report, which found wide acceptance throughout the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, where the issues were well understood.

Consider the Banabans' grievances. Mr Justice Megarry describes the outrageous attempt to persuade them in 1928 to part with land they did not wish to lease for excavation. He condemns the manner in which the resident commissioner, who threatened the destruction of their village and the compulsory acquisition of their land at "any old price", actually exercised the duty of prescribing the Banabans' royalties once their land had been compulsorily purchased.

Even greater damage was done to Banaban interests when they were induced in 1947 to part with virtually the remainder of Ocean Island. In disposing of the last two fifths of their homeland they were allowed by the colonial administration no expert advice. As Mr Justice Megarry pointed out in possibly his severest stricture on Britain's behaviour, the Banabans had at that time recently suffered grievous hardships under the Japanese during the war, had been uprooted from their homeland without being able to return to see what state it was in, were transplanted to an unknown environment in Fiji with a markedly different climate living in temporary, makeshift accommodation and many of them were ill.

In these circumstances, even the adviser appointed to them by the British Government of the day was prohibited from helping them negotiate the disposal of a quarter of a century's phosphate deposits. In short, a small people for whom Britain had a moral responsibility were talked into signing an agreement without any provision for subsequent revision in the light of changing circumstances.

This failure to give our wards the advice which any competent businessman or professional adviser would have given them at the time has resulted in their suffering substantial losses over the years.

The judiciary has now invited the executive to right a wrong and it will be the duty of Parliament to ensure that this is done. Time, however, is running out. Britain plans to leave the Pacific very shortly. Such a settlement must be concluded before we part with any of our power to make decisions. Thus, the time has come for the Government to heed the Banabans' petition for the separation of Ocean Island from the Gilberts Colony, now on the verge of independence. Most Banabans are citizens and residents of Fiji, and wish therefore to see their homeland back under their own sovereign control and in free association with Fiji. The people and government of Fiji are known to favour this solution, and await Britain's decision with some impatience.

An error that would sour relations

For Britain to disregard the feelings of the largest independent state among the Pacific Islands, to deny the Banabans the right to be their own masters in their ancestral homeland of Ocean Island, and to leave this part of the world with a problem unresolved, would be an abdication of responsibility on our part and a grave political error of judgment. It would sour our hitherto excellent relations with Fiji (where we have already witnessed a huge anti-British demonstration and trade union action aimed at British diplomatic communications), and leave a festering wound in a faraway region which Britain should be leaving with her head high and reputation untarnished.

Only monetary self-interest can influence the Foreign Office and the Treasury to continue to oppose the morally just and politically wise separation of the Banaban homeland from the Gilbert Islands, thus severing a link forged by Britain in 1916 purely for her own administrative and financial convenience. Banaban phosphates, which were sold below world prices to Australian and New Zealand farmers and from which Britain, too, has benefited for three-quarters of a century, are all but exhausted. We have literally consumed Ocean Island. The Government must heed Mr Justice Megarry's unprecedented appeal and deal generously with the Banabans, both financially and politically. This, indeed, is a moral issue.

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Muddling through will not do for 1977

Eric Moonman

Survival—that was the name of the political game in 1976. Nationally we survived acute economic pressures unparalleled since the 1930s. We also managed to live through the Chancellor's equally unpleasant remedies (they would have been rather more successful if the packages had been administered together at the beginning of the year but that's another story). We even survived the visit and demands of the IMF team, and got what we wanted from them, whatever that was.

The Labour administration also survived. Jim Callaghan, in taking over from Harold Wilson, succeeded to no enviable task. And his continued existence as Prime Minister is a delicately balanced affair when every parliamentary vote depends on a different permutation or coalition of parties and personalities. The Government Whips Office achieves miracles.

As for the Labour Party, we stumbled through the Conference at Blackpool in September without adding to our prestige or credibility with the outside public; we got little joy from the Walsall and Workington by-elections as a result. We gained a new Youth Officer called Bevan, whose Marxism seemed to be his main qualification for the job and we attracted a voluntary recruitment officer, Tony Kelly, who, after stimulating membership in Newham North-East has now moved, with his membership cards, to Leeds South-East, with likely overnight stays in other constituencies before the year ends.

The essential balance in the Labour Party—between left and right—and which attracted the middle-range voter has slipped. Whatever the merits of the arguments currently taking place between the Trots, the IS and the Marxists—one thing is indisputable, without the middle-ground voter Labour will not pick up many trophies, and certainly will not win a general election whether it is in October of this year (the most likely early date) or later. Inexplicably the Tories under Margaret Thatcher have failed to exploit Labour's difficulties.

We survived a nuclear leak at Windscale, which revealed a breakdown in the management reporting system. The general manager of Nuclear Fuels Limited said that such incidents were merely inhouse and internal and of no concern to anyone outside the company—not even, apparently, to the Energy Secretary, Tony Benn.

But the ordinary member of the public, surrounded by breathtaking insensitivity and poor decision-making in the machinery of local and central government insists on discussing practical issues.

As an MP, on the receiving end of the constituents' letters and visits to my surgery, it is impossible to ignore the constant theme of the majority of complaints, which show that the failures of our society and its systems are avoidable; they are the results of lack of planning, poor management and inadequate communications. Yet the decision-makers apparently do not learn much from their mistakes.

Information about the partial introduction of the child benefit scheme in April is a case in point. Thirteen million leaflets were printed then due to a revised arrangement it was necessary to issue a correction slip, then the position was still unclear, so a second correction had to be added. It is, as my constituents point out, hard enough to find a post office with the original leaflet but almost impossible to get the two correction slips as well.

Intelligent planning is a critical factor in the optimum use of scarce resources in the Health Service, as I argued last year when I examined the state of preventive medicine. Since the NHS was established nearly 30 years ago, there has not been a review of the original budget intentions, and services when compared to the increasing new demands, facilities and pressures within the actual sectors. Despite the much larger financial allocation today, the personal or specialist staff has barely increased in proportion, and in psychiatric hospitals, the nursing staff are often dangerously undermanned, yet the bureaucracy has grown five-fold. This Minister must act courageously to ensure an efficient deployment of resources in a way that many of his predecessors have shied away from doing.

Britain is at least five years behind the United States in the development of preventive medicine, although with our compact community, health education campaigns aimed at reducing the incidence of avoidable disease are comparatively easy to mount. Despite all the research that has been done, the DHSS is still hiding behind a verdict of "not proven" so far as dietary education is concerned.

Another case of muddle is the official response to accidents to children. Seventeen per cent of all child admissions to hospital are the result of accident, either on the roads or in their homes. Yet the information available about the causes of accidents has been found to be inadequate and misleading.

For example, Britain has the worst casualty rate for child pedestrians in western Europe, but only 38 per cent of primary schools pay really close attention to accident prevention. And the five-week campaign last autumn, in which £880,000 was spent to reduce child casualties, was aimed primarily at motorists, though this is known to be largely ineffective. Research into road accidents is in the hands of bodies like the Transport and Road Research Laboratory, whose brief does not allow for a public health approach. The five government departments and the extraordinary number of national organizations concerned with child welfare (300 at the last count) must get together in a national joint committee on accident prevention in childhood. Sweden has had such a committee for many years and its results demonstrate that such an approach is effective.

Battered babies are another group who have suffered through bureaucratic incompetence and failure to respond to demonstrable need. My involvement with the plight of such children began with the tragic death of a three-year-old boy in my constituency, whose parents were sent to prison for neglecting him. My investigations into the case showed that the health and welfare authorities, who had been involved with the child from shortly after his birth, had some responsibility in the matter. That case followed shortly after the Maria Colwell tragedy, and has since been succeeded by the Stephen Meurs and Wayne Brewer deaths, all of which occurred during periods when the relevant authorities had undertaken responsibility for the welfare of these children.

I have had several meetings with the Minister in the Department of Health and it seems that we are ever hopeful of the establishment of confidential registers but efforts to set up a national register were rejected by the local agencies in whose hands the whole problem of battered and neglected children remains. Locally established registers identified nearly 6,000 children at risk within the first year, but the criteria for putting a child's name on the register vary considerably from one local authority area to another, and even the responsibility for maintaining the register does not follow an established pattern, with the health authority taking charge in some places, the senior social service officials in another, and NSPCC elsewhere.

The death rate of children attacked by their parents is estimated to be two a day. In an increasingly mobile society, potentially dangerous situations need to be monitored continually, and this means keeping track across local government boundaries.

The Minister is now awaiting the report of the Select Committee on violence in the family, as well as considering whether advice will be necessary on the conduct of investigations into cases of non-accidental injury to children to complement the advice being prepared following the report of the Davies Committee on hospital complaints procedures. The Department and the local agencies have certainly come a long way since Maria Colwell died, but the last word has by no means yet been said.

So much for 1976. I doubt if 1977 will be any better. Parliament reassembles today and despite the intensity of our economic problems and growing unemployment the Government has already committed a major share of its time to devolution for Scotland and Wales. We may ultimately take a charitable view of the "transference of power" but at the moment I'm hard put to it to find ministers who will maintain—in private—that devolution is anything more than a great irrelevance.

If you are inclined to an optimistic turn of mind, then some recent government statements will comfort you: North Sea oil will contribute £2,000m to the balance of payments this year (Benn); in the second half of 1977 everything should be moving into place (Healey); there will be a breakthrough in defeating terrorist activities in Northern Ireland (Mason). Jim Callaghan's references to the Year of the Pendulum show him to be more cautious and correct but he should remind his ministers that the pendulum swings back as well as forth and you and I should take care not to become hypnotized by its motion.

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The Times Diary

Unworthy of the noble grape

Robin Young sums up his mostly unhappy experiences during his survey of London wine bars:

Having visited nine wine bars in quick succession, I am left in no doubt about their overwhelming popularity. Only at Marsden's Wine Lodge in Islington, which I visited at a slack time in the evening, was there no throng to jostle with before being served. Many of the establishments plainly had difficulty in coping with their custom, and at Whittington's and Balls Brothers particularly it is possible that I would have fared better had it not been for the pre-Christmas rush.

Yet I can only wonder whether the wine bars' popularity is deserved. Assuredly they are no place for the contemplative wine lover. Only at Vats in Lambs Conduit Street did the staff give any impression of knowing or caring much about the wines they served.

The same bar was the only one to give any indication of the amount of wine held in a glass. The bars generally prefer small and over-filled glasses to proper service, and without exception include in their lists wines that are really too young to be drunk with enjoyment.

They do not always serve better food than pubs, though they generally give it more fanciful names. Pâté, often home-made but not always the better for that, game pie and hot quiches are the standard fare. Continental cheeses are commonplace, though not always well looked after.

I have had letters in defence of their favourites from regular customers at Davy's wine bars, Whittington's, and Balls Brothers, and one reader even put in a good word for El Vino's. Others have been amazed at the bills I have been paying for my meals—but it should be noted that I have usually taken three wines, and had at least two dishes to test the catering adequately.

A reasonably substantial snack and a single glass of wine would usually be obtainable for £1, and the bars are obviously a useful alternative to over-priced restaurants for those who think pubs are too vulgar. A full meal and decent bottle will cost about £5 per person.

The clientèle is often young, and the surroundings are more idiosyncratic and characterful than in the general run of pubs. I prefer wine to beer, but as yet I am afraid that London wine bars do not do justice to the better beverage.

Warming up

The invitation to Thursday's Twelfth Night Party at St Mary's Church, Lambeth, was among the half-dozen most off-putting I have ever received. "It is advisable", it read, "to dress warmly and to bring a rug."

It was sound advice, for St Mary's, which adjoins Lambeth Palace and which has been redundant since 1972, has no heating and precious few other amenities. The purpose of the meeting—for it was in truth more in the nature of a meeting than a party, despite the wine and mince pies—was to propound a possible use for the church, to prevent its being demolished.

There have been several plans for converting it to a useful purpose, but the latest could have more chance of success than the others. A Trust is being formed to raise between £100,000 and £250,000 to turn it into a conference and research centre for gardeners. The inspiration for the scheme is that one of the two remaining tombs in the churchyard is of the John Tradescants, a father and son who were pioneer gardeners of the seventeenth century and who lived in the South Lambeth Road. (The other tomb is of Captain Bligh of the Bounty.)

Mea Allan, who has written a book about the Tradescants, explained to Thursday's meeting that the plan would include planting the churchyard as a Tradescant memorial garden, consisting only of the plants that the Tradescants introduced to Britain. These include the phlox, the lupin, the tulip tree, the lilac (I think I have Tradescant's original lilac in my own garden nearby) as well as the rather dull foliage plant, the Tradescantia, named after them.

The chief mover behind the plan is Rosemary Nicholson, who lives over the river in Chelsea and who has gained some notable support. About 150 people braved the cold of the church to attend the meeting, and they seemed confident that the scheme is warming up. Already the Redundant Churches Fund has agreed to restore the medieval tower.

Today's sign, allowing trespass under strictly controlled conditions, conforms sensibly to the permissive spirit of the age. It was photographed in Marion, Massachusetts, by C. J. Fox of Wimbledon.

Survival

Thursday night's frost had all but cleared from the Brixton allotment before midday, and the ground was in surprisingly good shape for the continuance of the winter digging. So invigorating was the cool sunshine that I cleared away the remaining green broccoli plants to give me more space to dig. They should by rights have given up the ghost before Christmas, but there were a few incipient heads which might have given another picking had I not decided to uproot them for the sake of my recreation.

The purple broccoli should start producing in a couple of months, but there will be a picking or two of sprouts to tide us over, as well as a few cauliflower whose leaves I have been bending over to protect them against the frost. In spite of the fact that the frosts have been more severe than for the past couple of winters, most of my autumn-sown stuff is bearing up rather well.

In particular the winter lettuce, protected only by plastic netting, has so far proved impervious to the weather. And the Ailsa Craig onions, warmed by their accompanying carpet of weeds, are also surviving well.

Even a late sowing of spinach, which gave me only one picking in the autumn, remains intact, and could be more productive in spring. But I fear that my over-optimistic October sowing of peas may be done for.

With a bang

I fear that the BBC might be taking their rivalry with ITV too seriously. They are advertising in their local paper, the *Acton Gazette*, their intention to set up an explosives factory, near Wood Lane.

It is not, the television press office say, as dangerous as it sounds, though the statutory notice in the paper is worded so that it might terrify the more timid residents of Shepherds Bush. "Our visual effects department is moving", a spokesman said.

He added: "All it is really is a wire cage about eight feet square with one table and a chair. It's a place where properly qualified people can go to mix chemicals when we need a flare for *Dr Who*, or something like that. There is no question of real explosives being involved."

The perils of telephonic communication are illustrated by an announcement of a forthcoming meeting in Leeds in Saturday's Morning Star *"Israel Today", it read. "Bert Ramelson reports on his really Communist Congress." Really?*

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RISKING THE DOLLAR

needs no stressing that the ...ate of the United States ...onomy is of critical concern to ...e rest of the industrial world. ...e failure of the American ...covery to manifest itself with ...y real vigour last year was the ...ongest single contributory fac... in the general depression ...om which the rest of the world ...s failed as yet to emerge. It ...s been a constant theme of the ...hancellor of the Exchequer ...at deficit countries, like the ...nited Kingdom, are severely ...mpered in their struggles to ...store equilibrium by the fact ...at those in a stronger position ...ve not taken sufficient refla...nary action to counteract the ...fects of the Opec oil price rise ...the general level of Western ...dustrial activity.

From this point of view there ...ll be many, in this country ...d elsewhere, who welcome the ...ications at the weekend that ... Carter will make substantial ...nomic reflation a central and ...ly part of his policy. It had, ...ce his commitments during ... election campaign, been ...umed that this would be the ...e. A major plank in his plat...rm had been the pledge that ... would "get America back to ...rk". Much of his criticism of ...esident Ford related to the ...arge that he was allowing un...ployment to rise unneces...rily. As a Democrat and popu...t, Mr Carter by instinct and ...litical calculation has been ...re concerned with these ques...ns than with inflation and the ...ernational worth of the dollar, ...ich are more traditional con...ns of bankers, Wall Street ...d the Republicans.

...n the event Mr Carter has shown a strong degree of caution in his proposals. The total sums involved are somewhat less than had been expected, both in their estimated effect on the economy and in their prospective extra burden on the federal budget deficit. Even more important, the measures that have been announced are to be spread over two years and not concentrated into one. This has the advantage of reducing the economic, while leaving largely intact the political, impact of the package. Such a strategy, however, carries with it the real danger, if the American economy now belately picks up fast in 1977, that the new President will consider himself politically committed to a further bout of reflation in his second year, when other considerations might be arguing for greater caution.

Such caution on the part of Mr Carter in deciding the size and shape of his reflationary package will, however, still not be enough to convince those of a monetarist persuasion of the wisdom of what he proposes. Although inflation in the United States is at a lower level than in many less happy countries, it certainly could not be said to be under control, or that inflationary expectations had been anything like fully wrung from the American system. Further, there is some irony in the fact that while the United States has taken a strong, if quiet, position that the British public sector deficit is too high and should be reduced as a condition for IMF loans and sterling balance safety nets, the United States has a budget deficit that is a higher proportion of its gross national product and that the incoming President now proposes to increase it.

A monetarist would now forecast, if as seems likely Mr Carter has his way with the Congress and with the Federal Reserve Board, that the rate of inflation in the United States would be showing clear and unwelcome signs of rising again during 1978. The steady weakness of the dollar in the weeks since Mr Carter won his election may be taken as evidence that the foreign exchange markets are taking the same view. As a consequence the pound is deriving some relative benefit, but this is an insignificant consideration compared to the future health of the most important currency in the world.

The danger is that Mr Carter will be tempted to follow the course of economic policy adopted in the United Kingdom under the last Government. The notion that the maximum use should be made of human and other resources by stimulating economic activity, while keeping inflationary pressures in control through formal or informal policies for prices and incomes, has its obvious political attractions. The lesson of the last decade, however, must surely be that economic policy can only work when it is applied in all its aspects, fiscal, monetary and prices and incomes, in the same direction. If fiscal and monetary policy are set on expansion, prices and incomes policy is too frail a reed to contain inflation, the more so in the United States which is an infinitely larger and more dispersed economy than that of the United Kingdom.

HE CONTRADICTIONS THAT FACE MR RICHARD

Richard has certainly got less ...n he hoped out of the meeting ...e five frontline presidents ... Lusaka. They have not ...orsed a British presence in ...odesia as an element in ... transitional regime, or as ...ficient surety for calling off ... guerrilla war. They have not ...ected it either, so Mr Richard ...ding between the lines may ...e that the Presidents will give ...n the end of a thread still to ...low through the jungle when ... meets them today.

But some such endorsement is ...bably essential to moving Mr ...ith off the line taken last ...ek by Mr van der Byl, his ...eign minister. The Presidents' ...ertion that what will end the ...errilla war will be the end to ...olonialism, oppression and ...ialism" will rather give Mr ...ith more arguments for reject... British proposals, even if the ...rds—given the composition of ... meeting, was a necessary ...antation.

Much more important is the ...sidents' decision openly to ...k the Patriotic Front, the ...ance led by Mr Nkomo and ... Mugabe (with Mr Nkomo ...king increasingly like Mr ...gabe's prisoner.) They have ... in effect been nominated as ... official Zimbabwe negotiating ... successor body, and the ...rrillas are specifically ...mered with them in their ...isions. They have made the ...it extreme demands of in ...eva, the biggest inroads into ... Kissinger proposals—pressing for a shorter transition, an interim government to be dominated by Africans before elections, African control of the security forces, a small (if any) role for a British chairman, and proceedings against those responsible for the illegal regime since 1965.

It would seem therefore that President Nyerere will in effect have to advise Mr Richard that what he can agree with Messrs Mugabe and Nkomo will be acceptable to the frontline presidents, and that it is up to Mr Richard to ensure that what has been agreed by him with Messrs Mugabe and Nkomo becomes acceptable to Mr Smith—and Mr Vorster.

This complicates any efforts at mediation. Quite apart from Mr Smith's reaction, it will almost certainly not be acceptable to Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole (who claims he leads the Zanu faction and not Mr Mugabe). The indications are that if an election were held among the Rhodesian blacks immediately Bishop Muzorewa would win handsomely over Mr Nkomo's candidates. The Bishop may well see in the Lusaka communiqué an open warning to his followers to change sides for their own future good, which he is liable to resent as interference with internal Zimbabwean affairs and an effort by Mr Nkomo to save his political fortunes by unfair means. This will be very useful to Mr Smith's arguments, whether or not it frightens the Bishop's supporters into abandoning him, and he into joining the Patriotic Front.

Mr Smith can now indeed feel that this anathematizing of the Bishop from Lusaka opens a rift into which his own tame African independence party can be inserted, to garner African support for the Kissinger plan which at least (he can say) would postpone inter-African violence. He can add that Lusaka has now removed any chance of an effective British role—to reassure whites of a fair deal as well as Africans that change is irreversible—whether or not he withdrew his opposition to it.

It is hard to follow Mr Richard's reaction that the communiqué should please Mr Vorster. In effect it now requires him to put pressure on Mr Smith not just to accept modifications to the Kissinger plan (which Mr Vorster could justify to his restive constituents) but to accept a plan for the rather prompt replacement of himself and his colleagues by a Patriotic Front government with some white participation. Mr Richard must in fact ask Mr Vorster to go much further than Dr Kissinger did, without Dr Kissinger's special leverage.

It is difficult to think that these complications can be sorted out in the eight days left before the conference is reconvened—at which the Patriotic Front will claim solely to represent the Africans. Indeed, the basic decisions can now only be taken in Africa.

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: one of the least amiable of our ...onal political traits to take for ...nted that all things British are ...essarily best, and that it has been ...ined by providence that we ... sacrifice our ease to send ...ionaries carrying the word from ...minster to peoples who live in ...mess and ignorance. For that ...on, correction seems obligatory ...ome of the extravagant, even ...vinistic, comment about the ...blishment on the commanding ...hts in the European Economic ...munity of two of the ablest ...our politicians: Mr Anthony ...sland as President of the Council ...finisters for six months, and Mr ... Jenkins as President of the ... Commission in Brussels for an ...al four years.

...ey will, it has been expansively ...ested, give to the Community ...a critical hour the stronger ...ership and direction it so badly ...ls, resolve the most immediate ...blems on sight, cut Gordian ...s, and if need be emulate Moses ... part the English Channel to ... Western Europe into the ...nised land. I ask leave to doubt ...not so much because they can ...etimes be the most remote and ...ly politicians of their generation ...rather because they start from ...urty and governmental base of ...c European commitments. Per... the best service they render, ...he limelight now trains upon ...n, will be to reconcile Britain ... least many of their own Labour ...agues high and low, to a Euro... destiny, and to serve as ...ionaries from there to here.

...ter all, Mr Crosland belongs, ... Mr Jenkins used to belong, to ...vernment and a party that has ...r been able to make up its ...d about membership of the EEC. ...he would be a fool of a politician within the original Six who did not recognize that. In 1966 Sir Harold Wilson and the Cabinet turned towards membership only as an expedient to wriggle off the hook of devaluation, and when they returned to power in 1974 they resorted for party reasons to the gamble of a referendum to confirm British membership.

Like Sir Harold, Mr Callaghan as Prime Minister shows his lukewarm pragmatism about Britain in Europe by sending to meetings of the Council of Ministers a succession of ministers such as Mr John Silkin, Mr Tony Benn, and Mr Peter Shore, who are hostile to nearly every idea and ideal of Europeanism: and in the Commons Mr Callaghan makes no attempt to avoid the impression that Britain is in Europe for what he can get, above all a food subsidy of £1.5m every day of the year. More than that: when the Labour delegation to the European Parliament elected a leader to succeed the Europeanist Mr Michael Stewart, they chose a Tribunite Mr John Prescott, who would not touch the EEC with a barge-pole if he could help it.

No wonder Bonn bridled when Mr Jenkins tried to dictate a change in the choice of West Germany's Commissioner; no wonder he sat, *primus inter pares*, for the best part of a day and night last week to persuade his 12 fellow Commissioners to accept his judgment of how portfolios should be matched to men. No wonder Mr Crosland asks himself how long it will be before he succeeds Mr Healey at the Treasury, knowing there can be no change until his six months' tenure of the Council Presidency and the conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in June come felicitously to an end. Apart from their personal commitment to Europeanism, their leadership must be limited by the Labour Government's demonstrable halfheartedness about membership, except where the Cabinet sees a clear political and financial advantage.

Nor can it be said that the House of Commons shows much awareness of Britain's membership of the EEC. Today MPs return from the Christmas adjournment, and the day's first business will be one of the rare debates about the EEC's impact on Britain. Several debates one after the other, in fact, starting with developments in the Community between May and October, 1976, and moving on to Commission documents dealing with credit institutions, banking legislation, and a European export bank. There will be a painfully thin attendance, and the discussions will be sustained by a platoon of specialists in Community affairs.

Now it is true that Sir Harold Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Callaghan, in turn as Prime Ministers, have kept their pledge to make regular reports to the House on the meetings of Council of Ministers and Heads of Government. A Minister of State from the Foreign Office conscientiously announces the Council's programme for the following month. There are committees in both houses to scrutinize EEC secondary legislation (so called), although the reports attract little or no political readership. Very occasionally, as today, the committee's reports and warnings lead to a brief debate in the Commons.

Yet it is all little better than a facade, a casual gesture in the direction of Europe. Consider *Hansard* for December 23 starting at column 911. Mr Foot, the anti-Europeanist Leader of the House, was announcing business for the week ahead, and for today he reeled off a list of European Commission documents by meaningless reference numbers. He chose a day for the debates, incidentally, when the European Parliament would be assembling in Luxembourg, and most specialists on EEC affairs would certainly be out of the country. More to the point, though, Mr Foot came to the House without knowing what the EEC legislation now brought under question was that he had put down for debate.

In short, on the anniversary of four years of EEC membership, Government business managers in the two Houses, for all the virtues of our parliamentary system, have yet to find a procedure whereby Westminster may effectually influence Government action flowing out of the Commission over which Mr Jenkins now presides. In more ways than one Europeanism at Westminster is only skin deep. The necessary adjustment to European membership has still to be made. Whatever it may be, it has not the smack of strong European leadership now or for some time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Policy on pension schemes

From Lord Byers

Sir, Sir Alastair Pilkington makes a sensible and important plea for greater unity in policy making between the major parties (*The Times*, January 4) and he cites the Social Security Pensions legislation which proceeded through both Houses without a hostile vote on any of its major stages.

The unity which was then established is now being jeopardized. To some extent this is, as Sir Alastair says, because of the rather unclear terms of the White Paper on trade union participation in the running of occupational schemes, a position which I believe will, in the end, have to be modified.

To an even greater extent this unified approach is being undermined by the determination of the Government to continue its policy of restricting the improvements of occupational pension benefits above the absolute minimum required to contract out, unless the cost is set against the pay limits, and its insistence that no new policy for pensions can be announced until the next stage of the pay policy is upon us in July of this year.

Companies find it virtually impossible to carry out meaningful consultations and negotiation when they do not know whether or not they will be able to implement the policy thus agreed. Above all, the time factor in bringing the new Act into operation is now crucial. The date for this is April 1978 in theory but in practice decision will have to be made well before the end of 1977—this year.

Lord Allen of Abbeydale, Chairman of the Occupational Pensions Board, was reported in *The Times* on December 2 as predicting the possibility of complete chaos if more haste were not made in deciding whether or not to contract out of the new state scheme.

Sir Donald Sargent and others made the same point most forcibly in your columns on December 22.

If a statement of government policy is to be delayed until the next stage of pay policy is settled, as I understand it is, one is entitled to ask the Government how they expect negotiations to be completed and applications of companies to contract out to be processed by the OPB in time for the schemes to function from April, 1978.

If there should be any delay we risk the deprivation, once again, of hundreds of thousands of future pensioners who will get that lesser provision in retirement which delay inevitably involves.

All that is required from the Government is an announcement now to the effect that any improvements in benefits agreed in the coming months will be able to be implemented from an agreed date onwards. This does not constitute a breach of the pay code but it would allow consultations and negotiations to proceed to a positive conclusion.

Yours faithfully,
BYERS,
Chairman,
Company Pensions Information Centre,
7 Old Park Lane, W1.
January 4.

25 years on

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow, East (Conservative)

Sir, In congratulating you on the excellent persuasiveness of the message in your leading article "25 Years on" (December 31), an overwhelming number of observers and commentators would nowadays presumably accept the logic of the call in the last paragraph for a government to move away from emphasis on security to opportunity in the years ahead.

At the same time, and linking up with the interesting recent correspondence in your columns on Germany's success, this need not—indeed, should not—mean an inevitable deterioration in the nation's social capital if lasting economic recovery was quick enough. Quite the reverse; in fact German's economic advance has allowed her to create a very elaborate social welfare structure, which is broadly accepted by all sectors of society.

Hence, in so far as the Conservative Party, as the alternative contender for office, knows the realities of the message, its best combination of philosophies to produce both practical economic success and constructive social harmony must surely be that which would unite the basic elements of modern pragmatic politics. Namely, in so far as these labels have meaning, to be substantially "right wing" on economic policies, but relatively "left wing" on social policies.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH DYKES,
House of Commons.

Christian names

From the Honorary Secretary, The Names Society

Sir, Mrs Brown (January 6) comments on the use of Elizabeth by readers of *The Times*. According to counts based on the Registrar General's *Indexes of Births*, the name lies in only 43rd position at the moment in England and Wales, though it is more popular in Scotland. Elizabeth was most used as a first name during the reign of Queen Victoria and it has steadily declined in popularity this century. As Mrs Brown's own figures suggest, however, it is a favourite middle name.

One of Elizabeth's many pet forms—Lisa—has recently been very fashionable, but the leading first names in the country as a whole are currently Claire, Sarah and Nicola. Stephen, Mark and Paul are the most popular boys' names.

A count made by my colleague, Cleveland Evans, of Michigan, shows that Elizabeth has recently been one of the top ten names for girls in the United States. The American preference at the moment seems to be for Jennifer, Amy and Sarah, with Michael, Jason and Matthew heading the boys' list.

Yours sincerely,
LESLIE DUNKLING,
HOLDEN 1
7 Aragon Avenue,
Thames Ditton,
Surrey.
January 6.

Not too petty for a jury

From the Chairman of the Bar

Sir, All sections of the Bar with which I have been in touch would agree with your leader of January 6: they had already expressed to me almost identical views. One point, however, although touched upon seems to me not to have been made with sufficient emphasis: you express it as "the belief that justice for the innocent defendant is more certain before a jury . . .". In my view it is more than a belief: it is an inevitable inference from certain facts.

Those facts are: that before a jury, the prosecution have to satisfy twelve, or after two hours ten, persons of the accused's guilt: before magistrates they only have to satisfy between one and three; that most prosecutions rely to a considerable extent upon the evidence of police officers: few jurymen, if any of them, will ever have heard any police officer give evidence—often magistrates have heard the same officer giving evidence before; and that at every trial juries are specifically reminded by the judge of the burden of proof.

The inevitable inference from these facts is that, all other things being equal, and however fairly proceedings are conducted, it must be inherently less likely that the prosecution will establish the guilt of an accused person before a jury than before magistrates. The inevitable conclusion, therefore, is that if the Criminal Law Bill is enacted in its present form, the chances of an innocent person being convicted must be increased.

This, probably the most significant implication of the recommendations made by the James Committee, was not acknowledged in its Report. Would the Committee have made those recommendations had they drawn, and expressed, this inevitable conclusion? Ought those recommendations, particularly those affecting theft cases, to be implemented in the face of that conclusion? Surely not. Above all, how is it possible to justify a disregard for the Committee's recommendations that charges of assaulting the police should not be removed from the Crown Court and that there should be earlier disclosure of prosecution evidence at summary trials? There can be no justification whatsoever.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WEBSTER,
The Chairman of the Bar,
The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar,
11 South Square,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
January 7.

From Mr W. John Jones

Sir, The proposal to remove the right to elect trial by jury from those charged with stealing amounts of less than £20 is as inflationary as it is unjust. Professional shoplifters—of whom there are many—will preserve their right of trial by jury simply by ensuring that they never leave shop premises with less than £20 worth of stolen goods.

Yours faithfully,
W. J. JONES,
1 Hare Court,
Temple, EC4.
January 6.

From Mr Geoffrey Hill

Sir, In your leading article this morning (January 6) you argue that in cases of assault on police officers the right to trial by jury should stand. There is no such right. It is excluded by s. 25(1) of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1952, an interpretation which was affirmed by the House of Lords in Toohey v Woolwich Justices 1967 2 AC 1.

At present the prosecutor may opt for trial by jury; the defendant may not.

Yours,
GEOFFREY HILL,
Deputy Chief Clerk,
Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court,
21 Great Marlborough Street, W1.

Air fare structure

From the Deputy Chairman of British Airways

Sir, Mr Kenneth Braidwood's letter published on January 5 reflects a widespread misunderstanding of the international airlines' motives and their attitudes towards air fares as expressed collectively through the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

As a member of the Executive Committee of IATA I must point out that the main reason why the airlines, using the IATA machinery, agree between them the fares and rates which they propose should be applied on international flights is that they are required to do so by the governments of the states served by these flights.

Almost all bilateral air services agreements between the governments stipulate that there shall be agreed common tariffs. Governments delegate this task to the carriers but retain the right to reject their proposals, and they often exercise it.

It is fair to add that most airlines believe that absence of agreed tariffs would result in chaos—for the public as well as our industry—bearing in mind the thousands of sales points and tens of thousands of fare combinations employed all round the world. But that is not the fundamental factor producing the requirement for the fares agreements.

Nor is it true to describe the airlines' trade association as a cartel when, as Mr Braidwood himself makes clear, it exercises no control over the volume of production of seats, the supply of which so greatly exceeds demand—with a resulting bad effect upon the industry's financial results.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. MARKING,
Deputy Chairman,
British Airways Head Office,
PO Box 13,
Victoria Terminal,
Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

The hereditary peerage

From Mr H. B. Brooks-Baker

Sir, We are very pleased and impressed by the great interest the world is showing in the letters written to you by Mr Fletcher-Cooke (January 4), and Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk (January 7). Two of the greatest assets England has are the Royal family and the peerage. The respect the world has for these institutions is more than well documented, and it is also undeniably true, that this country's balance of payments has been added to substantially by them.

Sir Iain's suggestion that eminent elderly people be granted peerages from time to time is as sensible as the idea of an immensely distinguished life peer being raised to an hereditary peerage. The reason the aristocracy in this country is different from most other monarchies, including Scandinavia, is that England's is almost one hundred per cent intact, and is functioning politically and socially, whereas in Scandinavia there is little more left than the pomp and ceremony, and in the case of Sweden, most of that was eradicated last year. If you compare the English system with that of France, which has not had a monarch in 107 years, one sees the difference between night and day. Though the French are probably the greatest admirers in the world of the Royal family, and of the peerage, and the system generally, France's nobility has no political importance or clearly defined duties, and though the Comte de Paris is no longer forced to live in exile, only his peers have his ear.

We will see as the Jubilee year progresses, that Queen Elizabeth and the House of Lords are almost as important to the rest of the world as to Great Britain. But if these institutions are to remain healthy and purposeful, they must not be allowed to wither. Life peerages have their place, but are they a substitute? We must never forget, that on what this country does today, the future of many throughout the world will depend, but pomp without power is ridiculous, and rather pathetic.

Yours truly,
H. B. BROOKS-BAKER,
Managing Director, Debrett's Peerage Limited,
Neville House,
Eden Street,
Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey.
January 8.

Politics in abeyance

From Mr Frank Hodgson

Sir Your leading article (January 5), "Politics in Abeyance" is too comfortable by half: in your own phrase, unpardonably complacent.

While politics are in abeyance, the IRA still, after seven years, goes on murdering and maiming our fellow countrymen and our soldiers.

It has long been manifest—how long, o Lord, how long—that there will be no peace in Ulster until the IRA is defeated.

The other recourse, of yielding victory to the Queen's enemies, is not this time open to Her Majesty's Government, since the loyalists are there to prevent it.

That may account for the greater antipathy shown in Government-inspired opinion towards the loyalists than towards the IRA, over all these years of IRA barbarism inflicted upon our fellow countrymen in Ulster.

As our local regiment, the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, is about to proceed to Northern Ireland, our local newspaper, the *Western Morning News* (January 4) speeds our men on their way to their thankless but dangerous duty with the comment, "All the British public wants to do about Ulster is to try to forget it". Is there no honour left in England?

The unbearable reproach of our dereliction of Ulster rests not upon the people of the United Kingdom but upon the UK Government. The Army in Northern Ireland does its sorry duty by the Government. When will the Government do its own duty? When will the Government, having always had the means, at long last muster the will to defeat the IRA?

Delenda est IRA.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK HODGSON,
70 Bickham Road,
Plymouth.

The proposed assemblies

From Mr William M. Moss

Sir, May an English Tory comment on Mr Ancram's letter (December 24).

Of course the wish of the people of Scotland to have a greater say in the running of their affairs is understood. But the English, too, have their national pride, even if it may seem to have been hidden from view in recent years. What Mr Ancram calls "the unfairness which may arise" when Scotland has its own assembly is not something which can be swept under the carpet or "adjusted as required".

This greater say in its own affairs to which Scotland aspires must be exchanged for a lesser say in the domestic affairs of England. It is quite monstrous that we should be asked to support an assembly with important powers, unless either the Scottish members lose their vote in the Westminster Parliament on devolved matters, or else are much reduced in number.

Mr Ancram writes that Scotland's future is in English hands because of the latter's numerical superiority. It appears quite likely that the reverse may be true. In a narrowly divided political situation, the votes of the Scottish members of the Westminster Parliament are quite likely to be decisive now and in the future. Why should the English hand back the domestic affairs of Scotland to Edinburgh, and still allow the Scots 70 votes or more in deciding English domestic affairs? Only a Government concerned more with its own immediate future than in providing a lasting solution to the problem could put forward such a measure as is now before the House of Commons.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM M. MOSS,
Kegworth House,
High Street,
Kegworth, Near Derby.

'Both sides of industry'

From Mr I. Weston Smith

Sir, On reading the Chancellor's letter to the IMF what first sprang to my eye was Mr Healey's use of the expression "both sides of industry". This deplorable phrase seems to have wedged itself into the English language; at best it is jargon, which too many politicians know no better than to use; at worst it is incitement to conflict.

An enterprise consists of men and women who, banded together, are determined on success and reward within that enterprise, there cannot be "two sides". In saying this I am wholly sympathetic to the views expressed by Mr Steel so vigorously in his party broadcast, and so, I suspect, are the majority of my fellow citizens, who work in, and contribute to, our industrial wealth.

No less disturbing in my view is Mr Healey's assertion—expressed in the same letter—that "industry" has approved the pursuance of the Government's "medium-term strategy".

When the Chancellor of the Exchequer uses the word "industry" what does he mean—the whole of the wealth-creating process influenced, owned and/or controlled by the people of these islands? Does he embrace manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, trading and commerce of all kinds, including the financial institutions, the banks, insurance companies, shipping and transport enterprises, the supply of energy in all its forms and, not least, overseas companies—largely owned by United Kingdom shareholders—whose managers help to sell our exports and whose dividends swell our currency reserves and contribute to balancing our trade deficit, and if he does mean all these many and several enterprises and the people within them, what process of consultation did he use in order to ascertain whether they understand and approve of his industrial strategy?

The people to whom I have referred will be much affected by the IMF loan and the conditions attached thereto and they are constantly exhorted by her Majesty's ministers to enthuse over "devolution", "consultation" and "participation". The irony of Mr Healey's statement on their behalf will surely not escape them?

Yours faithfully,
I. WESTON SMITH,
Chairman, The Morgan Crucible Company,
88 Petty France, SW1.
January 6.

Cost of fish marketing

From Mr M. I. Lipman

Sir, Some two years ago, you were kind enough to publish a letter from me on the subject of fish prices and distribution as compared with, say, beef. Since then I have carried on a desultory correspondence with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, which culminated in their passing the matter over to the Ministry of Prices and Consumer Protection who had ordered an inquiry on this subject, and whose report published in May, 1976, was scathing and referred to prices in the shops being up to four times that at the dock side.

Since then, neither the Prices or Food Ministries have uttered a word on the subject, in spite of the report's denial of the claim by the fish trade as quoted to me by the Food Ministry on March 16, 1976, that fish being perishable "demands a sophisticated distribution system the cost of which accounts for the margins in question". If the multiplicity of competing (?) traders at Grimsby and Billingsgate is "sophisticated" by any standard, then heaven help us!

Now that the whole fisheries question is overshadowed by the Iceland debacle followed by the new 200 mile declaration, surely as we, the public, are underwriting the security of the fishing zones through the heavy expense of frigates and Nimrods, it behoves the whole fish trade from dock to the local fish shop, to put its house in order, failing which, perhaps we should turn for a model to the Milk Marketing Board, which collects an equally perishable product from tens of thousands of farms daily, processes it, and delivers it at our doorstep daily at a total distribution cost of approximately half that applicable in the present "sophisticated" system which now threatens us to put fish on a par with fillet steak in price, and thus equally beyond the purse of 95 per cent of our people.

I am, Sir, yours, etc,
M. I. LIPMAN,
"Bretts",
The Village Green,
Newick, Sussex.
January 4.

Napoleon's coats

From Mr David Gilmour

Sir, There seems to be a lot of unnecessary fuss about the Duke of Wellington's purchase of the coat Napoleon is supposed to have worn at the Battle of Waterloo. Napoleon had a great many military coats. According to Duroc, the Grand Marshal, he bought a new one every three months and the 1811 inventory of the Imperial wardrobe shows that he possessed 16 in current use at that time.

Quite a few were admittedly lost or burnt in Russia the following year, but there is still a large selection in French hands. So I cannot see why your correspondent Mr Fowler (December 14) thinks the coat ought to be given back to the French, especially as some of the things Napoleon removed from other countries are still in France (Veronese's *Marriage of Cana*, for example).

In any case, Bonapartists should be heartened by the fact that the coat has passed from the family of the man who actually wanted to execute Napoleon (ie Marshal Blucher) into the hands of the descendant of the man who, when asked whom he considered the greatest general of the age, replied: "In this age, in past ages, in any age, Napoleon."

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GILMOUR,
3 Rue du Foin,
Paris 75003.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK
January 9: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Church this morning. The Archbishop of York preached the sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Medal for general efficiency at the King Edward VII School, King's Lynn, to Mr Thomas Holland, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr R. D. Greaves, the Headmaster.

The Prince of Wales will attend the National Farmers' Union annual dinner at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, on January 25.

Princess Anne, as president of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, and Captain Mark Phillips will attend the premiere of the film, *White Rock*, in aid of the academy's endowment fund, at the ABC Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, on January 31.

Birthdays today

Sir John Benstead, 80; Air Commodore Sir Vernon Brown, 88; Mr Sidney Griller, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Humphrey, 56; Mr Roy Moore, 69; Admiral Sir Manley Power, 73; Sir Eric Pridie, 81; Sir Gerald Reece, 80.

Today's engagements

International Boat Show, Earl's Court, 10-8.30.
Lecture: Animal colours, British Museum (Natural History), 3.
Lunchtime recital: Melos Quartet of Stuttgart, St John's, Smith Square, 1.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Harold Corscadden, borough environmental health officer, of Knowsley, Merseyside, to be 1977 chairman of Environmental Health Association's general council.
Mr A. W. Bridges to be chief regional officer of the West Midlands region of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

£50,000 winner

The weekly £50,000 Premium Savings Bond prize, announced on Saturday, was won by number PK 003760. The winner lives in co Durham.

The 25 £1,000 winners are:

5 EL 002702
3 FK 845562
2 HW 240631
2 JW 261814
9 JB 641761
3 KZ 014533
1 LB 671854
1 LN 764364
1 LS 136612
8 LB 490919
MF 246451
4 QT 014845
3 RB 222833
5 RN 150702
SL 107965
9 ST 154527
6 TK 309790
12 VK 762124
1 WW 146459
11 WB 443419
11 WS 814330
4 XP 444669
10 XW 452974
11 XK 856299
ZF 752927

Christening

The infant son of Mr John and Lady Romayne Bockstoce was christened John Grimston by the Rev John Downward at St Michael's, St Albans, on Sunday, January 9. The godparents are the Earl of Euston, Viscount Cranborne, Mr Charles Nickerson, Mr Mark Hollingsworth, Mr James Houston, the Duchess of Argyll, Lady Iona Grimston and Mrs Jefferson Patterson.

University news

Oxford
WORCESTER COLLEGE: D. K. H. Begg, BA (Cantab), BPhil (Oxon), has been elected to an official tutorial fellowship in economics from September 29.

Cambridge
CHURCHILL COLLEGE: Miss V. M. H. Owen, Headmistress of Malvern Girls' College, has been elected to a schoolmistress fellow commonership for the Lent term, 1977.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Debate on EEC affairs. Motions to take note of EEC documents on banking. Motion on Bread Prices Order.
Tomorrow at 2.30: Covent Garden Market (Financial Provisions) Bill, second reading. Motion on Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) Order.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on an Opposition motion.
Thursday at 2.30: Scotland and Wales Bill, committee stage.
Friday at 11: Private members' motions.

Select Committees

Wednesday: Expenditure, Environment subcommittee. Subject: Planning Procedures. Witnesses: The Law Society; Mr Ivor Walker, London Borough of Camden. (Room 5, 4 pm). Expenditure, Trade and Industry subcommittee. Subject: Fishing Industry. (Room 16, 10.15).

Council unites Muslim religious activities in Britain

By Clifford Longley

A revival of Islamic religious worship has taken place in the Muslim community in Britain in the past two or three years, leading to serious overcrowding in mosques and other buildings used for prayers.

That renewal of interest in Islam has coincided with an intellectual and spiritual renaissance in Islamic countries in this decade, but it probably owes its origin, at least in part, to the growing self-confidence among British Muslims as they recover from the first cultural shock of immigration into a different culture.

The Islamic Council for Europe, which is based in London, has emerged in the past two years as the main centre for the coordination of Muslim religious activity in Britain.

The council, which has new offices, near Victoria, has brought together a cross-section of Muslim societies and institutions for the first time, so that a uniformity of outlook and common policies towards the Government and local authorities now have a chance to emerge.

The Islamic Council has undertaken the task of studying the educational needs of Muslim children. It is in the educational area that the battle will be lost or won for the survival of Islam, for the pressures towards assimilation are intense. British schools seem on the whole to have adopted an inflexible approach to the religious needs of Muslim children, which is perhaps a by-product of the general long-term tendency to downgrade all religious teachings, whether Christian or otherwise.

The Muslim response to that has been to organize thousands of ad hoc classes, either at weekends or after school hours, during which elementary instruction in Islamic beliefs and practices is given by Muslims.

Often the classes are located in the schools used by the children during the week day, but it appears to be the universal custom of local education authorities to charge for the hire of classrooms. That leads to resentment by Muslim parents, who do not understand why Islam cannot be taught in school hours, at the public expense alongside Christianity.

They are not impressed by the argument, often put to them by officials, that Islam is included in comparative religion courses in secondary schools; one Muslim parent asked whether a devout Christian would be satisfied if his children were given an "impartial" summary of Christianity by an atheist or Muslim teacher.

In spite of considerable local efforts, the Islamic Council's staff believe that only about 10 per cent of Muslim children are receiving any formal religious education. They estimate that nearly all Muslim families carry out Islamic religious observances to some extent at least, which indicates a general demand for Islamic education to be taken seriously by the authorities.

It is not easy to estimate how many Muslims there are in Britain. A conservative guess would be half a million; the Islamic Council claims a million. Whichever is nearer the truth, Islam is now the largest non-Christian religion in Britain, as it is in Europe as a whole.

Faced with a lack of cooperation from local education authorities, many Muslim leaders are becoming increasingly attracted to the idea of establishing a network of Muslim schools where religious teaching would take pride of place alongside an otherwise typically English syllabus. They look to the model of Roman Catholic education in Britain as one to follow.

There does not seem to be any reason why the religious education provisions of the 1944 Education Act should not be available to the Muslim community with the substantial grants and subsidies that are available under that and subsequent Acts. But the initial obstacles have so far proved insurmountable.

With few Muslims having risen to positions of influence in public life, the Muslim community is handicapped in its dealings with governments. There are also prejudices and misunderstanding to be overcome, such as the argument that Islamic education should be financed by Arab oil. That, it is pointed out, is like suggesting that the Irish government should pay for all Roman Catholic education in Britain.

On the Muslim side, too, familiarity with British laws and customs has not grown to the point where Muslim leaders fully understand the way this society operates, which sometimes leads to rebuffs, interpreted as slights although not intended as such.

The report of a commission on the difficulties of Islamic education in Britain is expected to be presented to the Islamic Council in the next few months. A national policy will be worked out after discussions with the Government, teachers' organizations and others.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. H. Edwardes Jones and Miss A. P. Whitehouse

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Air Marshal Sir Humphrey and Lady Edwardes Jones of Holtye, Sussex, and Annette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Whitehouse, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

Mr R. J. Davidson and Dr A. E. Wager

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A. V. Davidson, of Brabourne, The Grand, Folkestone, and Alison, youngest daughter of the late Professor L. R. Wager and Mrs Wager, of 7 Benson Place, Oxford.

Mr H. E. Hurst and Miss P. Kemp-Jones

The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Hurst, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and Penelope, daughter of Commander F. W. Kemp-Jones, DSO, OBE, RN (Retd), and of Mrs E. M. Kemp-Jones, CBE, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr R. M. Illingworth and Miss P. A. Sherrard

The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Illingworth, of Glebe House, Worplesdon, Surrey, and Priscilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Sherrard, of 56 Palace Gardens Terrace, London, W8.

Mr R. C. R. Mallows and Miss J. M. B. Turcan

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. F. R. Mallows, of Newbridge House, North Curry, Somerset, and Johanna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. W. Turcan, of Ratho Hall, Ratho, Midlothian.

Mr G. W. B. Turnbull and Mrs B. A. Rugge-Price

The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs J. Turnbull, of Lancaster Gate, London, W2, and Beverly, daughter of Lieut-Colonel and Mrs L. G. Davidson-Brett, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Flight Lieutenant N. J. Browning, RAF and Flight Lieutenant C. J. Maude-Roxby, WRAF

The engagement is announced between Nigel John, son of the late Mr P. L. Browning, of Weston-super-Mare, and Mrs J. M. Browning, of Hayling Island, and Carolyn, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs P. G. Maude-Roxby, of Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R. A. Garnett-Clarke and Miss C. S. J. Ellis

The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Garnett-Clarke, of Mountway, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, and Caroline Stephanie Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Ellis, of 2 Oakleigh Park North, Whetstone, N.20, and 97 Harley Street, W1.

Mr R. S. Robinson and Miss S. P. Mortimer

The engagement is announced between Raymond Scott Robinson, USN, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James H. Robinson, of New York, and Sarah Penelope, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Mortimer, of Birkhill, Anthony Road, Largs, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Mr J. à C. P. Walsh and Miss D. S. Jones

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of the late Major-General G. P. Walsh, CB, CBE, DSO, and of Mrs R. V. A. Walsh, of The Old Rectory, Warmwell, Dorchester, Dorset, and Diana Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. E. Jones, of Ellwood Rise, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr A. R. de Wilde and Miss P. T. Bearcroft

The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Captain and Mrs R. C. de Wilde, of Cheltenham, and Patricia Teresa, only daughter of Mr G. I. Bearcroft and the late Mrs K. Bearcroft, and stepdaughter of Mrs G. I. Bearcroft, of Chester.

Latest wills

Bequests to schools

Mrs Nina Ray **Benson-Cooke**, of Ferring, West Sussex, left £65,874 net. After personal bequests of £10,000 and effects she left the residue equally between Berkhampstead School and Ardingly College, for scholarships.

Mrs Sara Gourlay Spice, of Blockley, Gloucestershire, left £52,628 net. She left £5,000 each to the City of London School, the Girls Public Day School Trust and the National Federation of Women's Institutes to benefit Denman College, Marcham, Abingdon, and the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the National Trust and British Red Cross Society.

Mr Albert Edward **Parker**, of Amersham, left £190,994 net. After personal and other bequests he left the residue equally between Dr Barnardo's, the Greater London Fund for the Blind, the Salvation Army, the RNLI, the Royal Masonic Girls School, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and St Mary's Church Restoration Fund, Amersham.

Mr Henry Roland **Hills**, of Shanklin, farmer, left £25,794 net. After bequests of £600 he left the residue equally between St Saviour's Church, Shanklin, and All Saints' Church, Newchurch.

Miss Margaret Eileen **Goodwin**, of Clevedon, Avon, left £15,506 net. She left all her property to the Franciscan Friary, Clevedon.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Bulman, Mr Cyril Albert, of Norwich	£117,500
Caffyn, Sir Sydney Morris, of Eastbourne, chairman of Caffyn's Ltd., motor distributors	£57,778
Carter, Mr Thomas Stanley, of Lymm, Cheshire	£104,972
Clift, Mrs Mary Lovell, of Cheltenham	£110,315
Harding, Lieutenant-Colonel George Richardson, of Virginia Water	£124,732
Harington, Mrs Gertrude Fanny Theresa, of Bayswater, London	£153,557
Shipway, Mrs Ida, of Harborne, Birmingham	£158,673
Stamp, Mr John Hattersley, of Barton-on-Humber	£118,553
Wald, Mr Morris, of Golders Green, London (intestate)	£145,763
Wood, Mr Wilfred Adrian, of Rugeley, chemist	£141,723

Statistics needed to disprove charges of profiteering against farmers

Agriculture

Hugh Clayton

One of the biggest obstacles to public encouragement of support for agriculture is the belief that farmers are immensely rich even though they complain about being intensely poor. Public house jokes about farmers who bemoan their poverty even as they sell one of their families' three limousines because the ashtrays are full are as legion as those about mothers-in-law.

Many influential figures in politics and industry are convinced that more should be spent on domestic agriculture to reduce the vast bill for food imports, which grew last year as sterling weakened. But any initiative towards directing funds to farming is complicated by the deeply held belief that farmers do not need more, and in any case would only complain about the inadequacy of anything they were given.

A widely welcomed policy decision by the Government last year was its refusal to devalue the "green pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling, even though such a move was strongly supported by British farmers and the EEC Commission.

As the annual fixing of Community farm prices approaches, British farmers are more isolated than ever. The Government, consumer groups and food processers are united in an exceptional alliance against price rises for farm products in surplus.

The coming price-fixing will be the last before the United Kingdom ends its transitional period of advance towards full participation in the complex machinery of the common agricultural policy. It will also be the last before the Government creates a new pattern of price control for industry. There, perhaps, lies the key, for agriculture has no detailed and convincing statistical evidence with which to answer critics of its finances.

Public confidence in it can be increased and public ignorance about it reduced only by making its finances and structure better known. The Government has instruments that do that, like the annual review of agriculture. But it has others that do it in more detail with the rest of industry, like the Price Commission and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

When those two bodies examine parts of the food industry, as they have done with meat and with frozen foods, they never go as far down the production chain as the farm. The farming community never has any impartial evidence with which to disprove general charges of affluence and profiteering.

The annual review is conducted between farming unions and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in an atmosphere of secrecy. The unions never say what they have asked for: they merely comment about what they are given.

If farming could be brought into the mainstream of whatever strategy for industry is produced this year, it would have a far better chance of convincing influential national figures of the contribution it could make to national recovery. Clearly, it already speaks volubly about that contribution, and many influential figures accept what it says.

But the farming community is ambivalent about its status as part of industry. When it speaks politically it likes to portray itself as such a part, and usually one that is worse treated than the others. At the same time farmers and farm workers see themselves also as a separate and perhaps nobler breed than the urban majority.

Some of them look down on townspeople as an ignorant and noisy mass of breakers-down of fences, tramplers of young crops, dumpers of decrepit vehicles and unleashers of unwanted dogs.

This is a good year for a change in the presentation of farming finance, since agricultural and industrial policies are in the melting pot. The annual fixing of farm prices depends increasingly on what is decided in Brussels.

Control of industrial prices will change this summer from the operation of a single code for the whole of manufacturing industry to a pattern closer to that of the old National Board for Prices and Incomes, in which individual sectors were examined separately.

Such an examination of the financial state of agriculture, based on official figures, university management surveys and profitability figures issued by companies which supply materials to farmers, would at least make available information on which a sensible judgment could be based.

Until such information is published the future of British agriculture will be prejudiced by suspicion, much of which is unfounded. Farming is not well understood. Few people outside the countryside appreciate, for example, the wide variation in incomes among farmers or the difference between tenant farmers and landowners.

There is a case for the books of British agriculture to be opened more widely and in a more coordinated fashion. There is also a case for the reasons for awards of price rises and grants to farmers to be explained more clearly. That is what Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, wants to do with manufacturing industry this year.

Countless obstacles stand in the way of a detailed reappraisal of the way farming results are presented. One lies in Whitehall. Tales of acrimony between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Treasury, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection are legion. They are encouraged by denials and confirmation from a number of senior sources.

Certainly the ministry would be instantly on the alert if anybody campaigned for the annual farm price review and price-fixing to be done. The ministry already depends on Brussels for its instructions about price levels. It would not want to depend on other government departments as well.

Mount Athos monasteries restrict visits

Athens, Jan 9.—The all-male monastic community of Mount Athos is to restrict tourist visits. The Athens newspaper, *Eleftherotypia* said today that the decision had been taken by the governing council of 40 abbots of the 20 monasteries on the Khalkidhiki peninsula.

The council at a recent meeting said that many tourists did not visit Mount Athos for theological reasons, and decided to limit their stay to seven days.

People belonging to denominations other than Greek Orthodox should have letters of recommendation from universities or other institutions to prove that they had a religious or scientific interest in visiting the community.

The council also banned the sailing of ships within 500 yards off the coast. It claimed that hitherto women had been landed from ships in the community.—Reuter.

Cranleigh School

The Lent Term began yesterday. The school numbers 549 (including 29 sixth-form girls) and the senior prefect is Paul Schlesinger. Mr Michel Marty joins common room from Manchester Grammar School as Head of French. Sir Arnold Weinstock leads a discussion on industry on January 12 and Viscount Watkinson opens the new physics department on March 4. Confirmation by the Bishop of Guildford is on March 5. The school play, Pinter's *The Birthday Party*, is on March 2, 3, 4 in Speech Hall. The French play, Camus's *Caligula*, is on March 8, 9, 10 in the Barn, and the German play, Böll's *Dr Murkes gesammeltes Schweigen*, on March 17 in the Barn. Bach's *St John Passion* will be performed in Speech Hall on March 13. Term ends on March 19.

Dover College

The Lent Term begins today with 390 pupils (including 80 girls) at the college and 340 pupils (including 56 girls) at the junior school in Folkestone. Richard Taylor, of St Martin's House, is head of school, and Beth Purslow, of Belmont House, the first head girl. The house music festival will take place on March 2 and the OD hockey match on March 6. Alan Bennett's *Forty Years On*, produced by Mr M. E. L. James, will be performed in the refectory on March 16, 17, 18 and 19. The confirmation service will be conducted by the Bishop of Dover on March 20. Half-term is from February 19 to 22, and term ends on March 25.

Kelly College

As the first event of the school's centenary year, the Old Kelleian Club held its annual general meeting and annual dinner at Quaglino's banqueting rooms, London, on Saturday. The guest of honour was Admiral Sir David Williams, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord. Mr M. Joughin (Old Kelleian) was also a guest speaker and guests of the club were Captain D. T. Smith and Mr D. G. Fletcher-Rogers, president and secretary respectively of the Conway Club; former Kelly headmasters Mr R. V. H. Westall and Mr J. T. Melvin, and former second master, Mr T. L. Stoddard. The Headmaster of Kelly College, Mr D. W. Ball, was in the chair as president of the Old Kelleian Club.

The King's School, Canterbury

The Lent term begins on January 10. A. M. Wenban and N. S. Lyons will be captains of school. The Archbishop of Canterbury will hold a confirmation for the school in the cathedral on February 19. The term will end on March 24.

Brighton College

Term begins today and Mr P. J. Withers takes over as Housemaster of Durnford House in succession to Mr R. Wolley. R. J. Piper is head of school. The choral society sings Haydn's Harmoniemesse on January 27 and 28. The school play, *She Stoops to Conquer*, is on March 23, 24 and 25.

The Oratory School

The Lent Term begins today. The school captain is A. W. Bird. Confirmation by the Right Rev J. F. Cleary will be on February 26. Half-term will be from February 17 to 20. Term ends after the performance of the school play on March 27.

Giggleswick School

The Lent Term, beginning today, will be marked by the building of two squash courts to launch the school's third development campaign. Mr G. Wingfield joins the staff to teach metalwork and technical drawing.

Wycliffe College

Mr Michael Timpson, Headmaster of the Lower School, Bedford, is to be Headmaster of Wycliffe College Junior School on the retirement of Mr K. R. Stoker in August, 1977.

Christmas party

Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children having connexions with the City and London boroughs at a Christmas party at the Mansion House on Saturday.

Marriages

Mr J. R. Gibbs and Miss J. M. C. G. Anley

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Sculthorpe, near Fakenham, Norfolk, between Mr Julian Robert Gibbs, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Gibbs, of The Porch House, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Miss Juliet Anley, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. C. Anley and Mrs Anley, of Sculthorpe House, Fakenham, Norfolk. The Rev Martin Gibbs and the Rev Richard McLaren took part in the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Roderick Ralli, wore a gown of white organza and a tulle veil held in place by a tiara. Sarah Stewart-Richardson, Lucy Sutcliffe, Harriet Maitland, Henrietta Foster, Eleanor Harrison and Caroline Wilcox attended her. Mr David Barraclough was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr P. J. Williams and Miss S. V. Berendt

The marriage took place on Saturday at St James's, Spanish Place, between Mr Paul Joseph Williams, Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs H. F. Williams, formerly of Liverpool, and Miss Susan Venetia Berendt, daughter of Mr F. E. and Lady Frances Berendt, of 34 The Marlowes, London, N.W.8. Father M. E. Corbould, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of parchment-coloured crepe with a short train. Her Brussels lace veil, lent by her grandfather, the Earl of Harrowby, was held in place by a diamond tiara lent by her uncle, Viscount Sandon. She carried a posy of freesias, lilies-of-the-valley and hyacinths. Sarah and Rachel Miller and Valerie Walker attended her. Mr Jonathan Dagnall was best man.

A reception was held at the Challoner Club and the honeymoon is being spent in East Africa.

Mr R. Shepherd and Mrs I. Stroyan

The marriage took place quietly in London on January 1 between Mr Rodney Shepherd, son of the late Frank Shepherd and Mrs Shepherd, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Mrs Isobel Stroyan.

Captain N. Tuck and Miss J. Shaw

The marriage took place on Saturday, January 8, at St. Edward's Church, Sutton Park, between Captain Nicholas Tuck, the Royal Hussars (PWO), and Miss Jane Shaw. Canon Gordon Albion officiated, assisted by Father John Stapleton.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by eight children. Mr Christopher Oldham was best man.

A reception was held at Sutton Place.

Lieutenancy of Greater London

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants of Greater London:

Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader, Colonel H. L. Clarke, Commander D. L. Cobb, RN, Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. D'Arcy, Captain R. J. Douglas-Morris, RN, Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet Colonel J. S. Haywood, Colonel R. T. S. Macpherson, Brevet Colonel H. E. Maltby, Colonel A. F. Niekirk, Captain B. St G. Austin Reed, Lieutenant (Acting Colonel) F. A. Ricketts, Major-General J. A. R. Robertson, Rear-Admiral J. E. Scotland, Lieutenant-Colonel (Honorary Colonel) P. H. Webber.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

REAR-ADMIRAL: J. H. F. Eberle, to be promoted Vice-Admiral, Jan 25, and to be Chief of Fleet Support in April.

CAPTAINS: A. K. Hall, SULTAN for duty with Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board, Jan 4; M. R. H. Page, MOD as Head of Branch C Mat Co-ord (N), Mar 3.

COMMANDERS: G. A. Plumer, NELSON for Staff of CINCNAVHOME, Jan 10; G. M. Tullis, MOD with DN Plans, April 20; J. E. Highton, ROOKE as Cdr Refit Grp and Staff Engr Offr (ME) to FO Gibraltar, May 6; J. R. Furse, MOD with DG Ships, April 26.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: J. A. M. Macdonald to be Commandant, COD Chilwell, Jan 15; G. D. J. R. Russell to be DDM(A), MOD, Jan 15; Col W. M. Allen to be CCRCT, HQ 1 (BR) Corps, Jan 15; Col T. R. Jones to be RA, HQ 4 Div, Jan 14.

COLONELS: A. J. Shaw appld CO, CMH Aldershot, Jan 10; A. G. Vicary to be Dep UK National Mil Rep (Army), SHAPE, Jane 15; Lt-Col G. R. Oehlers, R Signals, to be AD SCP 3, DDGW(A) (PE) (AE), Jan 14; Lt-Col C. E. Taylor, 5 Innis DG, to be Col GS, HQ UKLF, Jan 15.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: B. M. Bowen, RAPC, to be AAG, DPS (A), Jan 14; C. E. G. Carrington, RCT, to be OC, HQ 1 Div Regt RCT, Jan 12; P. R. T. Driscoll, RE, to be CI Fd Eng School, RSME, Jan 14; J. A. Dunsmure, SG, to be AQMG, HQ London District, Jan 15; N. A. Fincham, RCT, to be GSO1, OAD(W), Jan 14; J. W. F. Rucker, QOH, appld GSO1, Staff College Camberley, Jan 10; D. L. Seddon, RCT, to be CO UNFICYP Support Regt, Jan 14; R. Q. Stone, RA, appld GSO1, HQ UKLF, Jan 10; M. Winn, RT, to be Project Offr, Twd Storage Sites, HQ BAOR, Jan 11; Maj S. T. W. Anderson, Queens, to be CO, 3 Queens, Jan 15; Maj P. R. F. Bonnet, RA, to be GSO1, HQ DRA, Jan 15; Maj M. Hord, RHA, appld GSO1, Staff College Camberley, Jan 10; Maj R. D. King, RA, to be GSO1, HQ RSA, Jan 14; Maj W. J. M. Michie, R Signals, to be CO, 40th (Ulster) Signal Regt (Volunteers), Jan 10.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORES: B. W. Pienderleith to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, Jan 4; D. Harcourt-Smith, W. K. MacTaggart, R. E. Gladding, to RCDS as students, Jan 11; G. C. Goodyer to MOD as Dir of Establishment and Management Services (RAF), Jan 15.

GROUP CAPTAIN (with acting rank of Air Commodore): G. A. White to HQ No 11 Group, STC, as SASO, Jan 15.

GROUP CAPTAINS: D. Parratt to MOD(PE) AS SO(Flying), Jan [illegible]; H. McV Redfern to Central Staff of ACHDF Brampton as SASO, Jan 14; R. J. Street to HQ 11 Gp, STC, as Un Capt OPS(GE), Jan 14; W. D. Astham to RCDS as student, Jan 11.

WING COMMANDERS (with acting rank of Group Captain): A. J. Leggett to RAF PMC as DDPM(ADP)(2)(RAF), Jan [illegible]; M. A. Harvey to HQ NATS as DD Control (AP) 2, Jan 10.

WING COMMANDER: J. F. McDonnell to HQSC as C SY O, Jan 10.

MEDICAL

GROUP CAPTAIN: I. G. Currie to DD Med P(RAF), as DGMS(RAF) (Staff), Jan 4.

WING COMMANDER: J. A. Barker to RAF St Mawgan as Senior Medical Officer, Jan 4.

CONSULTANTS

WING COMMANDERS: J. K. Cloherty as Consultant in Ophthalmology; C. W. Newrick as Consultant in Pathology.

SQUADRON LEADER: J. Smith as Consultant in Pathology.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, January 9, 1952

Atomic security

The announcement on Monday that special action is to be taken to ensure that workers in possession of secrets connected with the defence programme and particularly with atomic research are politically dependable, but that present safeguards for fairness are to be maintained, may be taken to mean that Mr Churchill will use the machinery introduced by Mr Attlee in March, 1948, with more rigour but with no less determination. Some failures, most notably the case of Dr Fuchs, who was convicted for betraying secrets two years after Mr Attlee's vigil on the Civil Service began, had shown the need for stricter precautions. These powers have so far been used sparingly. So long as the principles governing their use continue to be observed the country must trust the government of the day with the execution of a policy which is as necessary to its defence as it is distasteful to its tradition.

Science report

Genetics: Progress in engineering

Biologists at California University have developed an ingenious technique that may bring the new technology of genetic engineering another step closer to practical application. The advance, reported by Dr B. Polisky, Dr R. Bishop and Dr D. Gelfand, may overcome one of the most serious obstacles to genetic engineering, in which foreign genes are transplanted into bacteria, which act as microbial factories for their products.

The difficulty is that the genes which it would be most useful for the bacteria to work on (for example, insulin genes) come from animal cells and may not be recognized by the bacterial machinery. Dr Polisky and his colleagues, however, have found a way of linking animal genes to bacterial "switches" which provide the "on" signal for the bacterial machinery.

Genetic engineering began to look like a practical possibility three or four years ago, when biologists found they could transplant animal and plant genes into bacteria by grafting them into plasmids, tiny extraneous circles of genetic material (DNA) which many bacteria carry as well as the complete genetic blueprint contained in their chromosome.

Although the genes can be inserted into the bacteria and reproduced each time the bacterium divides, it has not always been possible to make the bacterium translate the foreign gene into its working product. That has led to several attempts to hitch the inserted genes to bacterial switches in the hope of promoting protein production from the gene. That has been successfully tested with bacterial genes hitched to powerful switches taken from a bacterial virus.

The first stage in reading the genetic blueprint is to transform the DNA into RNA, which is then translated into protein. The bacterial switches, the so-called operators and promoters, produce proteins that allow the gene under their control to be transformed into RNA.

The American scientists first constructed a plasmid containing part of a familiar bacterial gene and its associated switches—the *lac* gene which the bacterium switches on when presented with the sugar lactose as a food source. That gene has been intensively studied by molecular biologists for many years and its behaviour is now well understood.

The final plasmid was specially constructed so that the animal genes could be inserted only immediately adjacent to the *lac* DNA, where it was hoped they would come under its control. That proved to be the case. DNA from the frog, *Xenopus*, was inserted into the site and the final plasmid was put back into the bacterium *E coli*. When the *lac* gene was switched on by providing the bacterium with lactose, it produced *lac* RNA and comparatively large amounts of *Xenopus* RNA.

There were indications that the *Xenopus* RNA, still attached to the *lac* RNA, might also be translated along with the *lac* RNA. But in that case, because the start and stop signals on the animal DNA would not be recognized, the product would simply be nonsense. The task is now to hitch up the animal DNA in such a way that the readthrough produces sensible RNA and functional proteins.

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OBITUARY

MR HARRY WHEATCROFT

A renowned rose grower

Mr Harry Wheatcroft, who died on January 8 at the age of 78, was a rose grower of world-wide renown.

Even in the horticultural world, where, in the past eccentrics and colourful characters have abounded, there has been nobody as internationally famous as Harry Wheatcroft. At flower shows at home, and in many countries abroad, his stalwart figure, his shaggy head of hair and side-whiskers, and his flamboyantly colourful attire, were a familiar sight for over half a century. His personality, and the undoubted quality of the roses he sold, built up for him and his late brother, Alfred, a highly prosperous business.

Born in 1898, the second son of a Nottingham builder, Harry started his travels early. At the age of 10 he was taken by his mother to visit her relations in the United States. Four years later he was sent for a year to relations in France, to learn the language, and seemed destined for a career in the lace industry.

However, during the First World War he registered as a Conscientious Objector, but his application was refused and as he refused to put on a uniform when called up, he was court-martialled and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. While in prison he became ill and was finally released. It was feared that he might develop tuberculosis, and therefore his family decided that he should find work in the open air.

His brother Alfred who, even as a schoolboy, had developed a passion for growing roses, was apprenticed to a Nottinghamshire firm of nurserymen, and he and Harry decided to go into business together. The decision, strangely enough, was influenced by a clairvoyant's prediction many years before that he would make a name for himself with roses.

The early years of the partnership were a hard struggle to keep going, but gradually the two brothers, aided enormously by their respective wives, created a flourishing business.

Harry had an undoubted flair for recognizing outstanding new roses, which he then marketed with considerable acumen. His brother concerned himself with the production side of the business, while Harry became the salesman *par excellence*. His knowledge of French helped him enormously to establish a *rapport* with such outstanding rose breeders as Jean Gaujard and Francis Meilland, and he became an enthusiastic member of Universal Rose Selection.

This was an organization of rose growers set up to take advantage of the plant patent system which was already operating in certain European countries, and in the United States. It has only recently been adopted in Britain, and Harry's unsuccessful effort in the law court to obtain a copyright in rose variety names undoubtedly heped to bring abou the passing of the Plar Breeders' Rights legislation.

With his world wide contact he was in a strong position t introduce the most outstandin roses to Britain. Right fro 1927, when he introduced "Pri cess Elizabeth", a sport fro "Queen Alexandra" th appeared in his own nurser the Wheatcroft Brothers pr duced a steady stream of ne varieties—"Christopher Stone "Water Bentley", and mar more.

Then just after the wa "Peace" followed by "Quee Elizabeth", "Eden Rose "Grand'mere Jenny", "Ka Herbst", "Fragrant Cloud"- the list contains many of th world's finest roses—and on recently "Duke of Windsor".

Several years ago, Harry le the firm of Wheatcroft Brother intending to take life mo easily and travel. But he join his two sons, David and Christ pher, who had set up their ov business, and thus continued play his important role in th rose world.

He was always generous to good cause, and one of his be known spontaneous gestur was to organize a rose gard at Lidice, the scene of th massacre in 1942. Har arranged for over 7,000 ros from British growers to be se to Lidice—another 10,000 we given from other countries.

No other nurseryman has ha his portrait hung in the Roy Academy, appeared in *This Your Life*, and been bracket with Hardy Amies, the Duke Kent, and Stirling Moss as o of the seven best dressed me of the year. He was always little larger than life, and h happy contribution to it h greatly enriched the world horticulture. He publishe several books, *My Life wi Roses* (1959); *In Praise Roses* (1970); *How to Gro Better Roses* (1974); and *Th Root of the Matter* (1974).

He married in 1929, Doroth Averill. They had three sor and two daughters.

ADMIRAL SIR DERIC HOLLAND-MARTIN

Admiral Sir Deric Holland-Martin, GCB, DSO, DSC, a former Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Mediterranean, died on January 6 at the age of 70. He had been Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester since February last year.

Born in April, 1906, the son of R. M. Holland-Martin, CB, he was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges of Osborne and Dartmouth. He was a Midshipman in HMS Iron Duke from 1924 to 1927 and Sub-Lieutenant in HMY Victoria and Albert in the following year. He was in HMS Effingham from 1929 to 1931, returning to Dartmouth for the years 1931 to 1933.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was a lieutenant-commander, and he was awarded the DSC early in 1940 while serving in the destroyer Tartar in operations in the North Sea. He later took command, in turn, of the destroyers Holderness and Nubian, having been promoted in December, 1940.

While serving in the Mediterranean in HMS Nubian he won his DSO in July, 1943, for "skilful leadership and enterprise in a successful action against enemy shipping". Ten months later he received a Bar to his DSC "for outstanding courage, resolution, leadership, skill and devotion to duty in operations which led to the successful landings on the Italian mainland at Salerno".

As a Commander he was on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Portsmouth, in the autumn of 1944 and in December went to HMS Faulknor. With the acting rank of captain, he was appointed Deputy Naval Assistant to the Second Sea Lord in 1945 and in 1947 he became Naval Attaché at Buenos Aires. In August, 1949, he went to HMS Agincourt in command and as Captain (D) o the 4th Destroyer Flotilla.

He graduated at the Imperial Defence College in 1951 and subsequently became Director of Plans on the Admiralty Naval Staff. In 1953 he took command of HMS Eagle. Then in July, 1955, on promotion to Rear Admiral, he became Flag Officer (Flotillas) Mediterranean. He was Flag Officer Support Forces during the operations in the Eastern Mediterranean in 1956.

He was appointed Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel in 1957 and from 1957 until 195 was Second Sea Lord and Chie of Naval Personnel. He was Flag Officer Air (Home) in 1960-61 and Commander-in-Chief Medi terranean and C-in-C Allie Forces Mediterranean fro 1961 to 1964. He was Comman dant of the Imperial Defenc College from 1964 to 1966, i which year he retired. It wa in 1966, too, that he became Trustee of the Imperial Wa Museum of which he was Vice President and Chairman in th following year.

In 1968 he was chairman o the Committee of Enquiry int Trawler Safety which recom mended an experimental su port ship to provide weathe reports and medical care fo deep sea trawlermen. He wa chairman of the Severn Regio National Trust in 1967, and wa a member of the White Fis Authority and Herring Industr Board in 1969. He was a Deput Lieutenant in 1968 and Vic Lieutenant in 1973, Worcester, before becomi Lieutenant of Hereford an Worcester last year.

He was made a CB in 195 KCB in 1960 and advanced GCB in 1974. He married, i 1931, Rosamund Mary Hornb OBE. They had one son a one daughter.

MR ALEKSEI MUSATOV

Mr Aleksei Musatov, Russian author of children's books, has died in Moscow, at the age of 65.

A graduate of the scenario department of the State Film Institute, Musatov wrote over 30 novels and short stories, as well as essays, beginning with *The Girl from Shanghai* (1930) that depicted the trials of a peasant lad. Life on the collective farm and the role of the young in constructive labour were the main themes of all his writings. *The Precious Grain*, which was first published as short story and won the USS State Prize in 1949, was adapte by him for the stage and h been a successful feature of t repertoire of children's theatr ever since.

His wartime experiences as fighting man and a partis are reflected in several boo written in the 1950s. In t 1960s Musatov returned to h favourite topic, the farm. Ma of his books have appeared translation. Musatov became member of the Communi Party in 1952.

Canon Hugh Smith, OBE, who had been chaplain to several British prisons including Leeds, Parkhurst, Wandsworth and Wormwood Scrubs, and was finally chaplain-general, has died at the age of 80. He had attended many of those executed during his long service including William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") who was hanged for treason. Canon Smith was a Canon Emeritus of Canterbury.

Lady Royle, widow of Lo Royle, who as Charles Roy was a former MP for Salfo West, died on December 2 She was Florence, daughter Henry Smith, and she w married in 1919. Her husba died in 1975.

Colonel Charles Henry Marc OBE, died on January 6. H had served in both world wa and was a Deputy Lieutena for Glamorgan in 1946.

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BSC abandons its break-even goal but aims to limit loss to £70m

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

British Steel Corporation has abandoned its objective of breaking even this year.

With market conditions deteriorating the state steel undertaking is preparing to trim its production in the final three months of the financial year which ends in March, although the hope is that losses can be kept to below £70m.

Last year BSC recorded a post-tax loss of £255m, and Sir Charles Villiers, its new chairman, who took over from Sir Monty Finniston in September, had hoped that the corporation would have achieved a break-even position and possibly made a small profit this year.

Over the first six months the corporation managed to recover substantially from the previous year, and reduce the loss to £43m over the half year, after charging interest of £75m and exchange losses of £19m.

Since then it has been improving output and overcome most of the production problems faced in the early part of the year.

Until the end of November it had been operating at around the break-even point, but an output of 23 million tonnes of crude steel would now be required for the corporation to reach it.

Production seems likely to be about 21 million tonnes, and there is little prospect of market demand improving significantly until the final quarter of this year.

A loss of around £70m appears in prospect, although corporation executives are hopeful that the eventual result will be a loss of between £50m and £60m. The feeling is that the break-even objective could be achieved by implementing severe cutbacks on maintenance and other work, but the corporation believes it is more important to be in a strong position to exploit the upturn in demand when it appears.

Against the background of worsening market conditions, BSC is planning to reduce production, and the cutbacks are expected to be introduced mainly among the older high-cost steelmaking plants.

Over the past three months it has been steadily improving production to a weekly level of about 430,000 tonnes, but divisional managements are working out the scale of the reduction, which is expected to amount to about 15,000 tonnes a week. Some of this will be achieved by eliminating overtime, but no layoffs are expected.

Under the EEC's so-called Simonet anti-crisis plan for steel, BSC and seven leading private-sector steelmakers are being asked to curb voluntarily their deliveries of several important steel products to the European market. Overall the tonnage involved amounts to a crude steel production level for the first four months of this year of some 6.3 million tonnes.

European steelmakers have fared less well than the United Kingdom industry, and cuts are more severe there. BSC, however, is building up its stocks both through its £50m government-financed counter-cyclical stockpile of semi-finished steel—designed to enable it to take advantage of an upturn—and through stocks of finished steel products.

The corporation expects to have used the whole £50m by the end of March—over 250,000 tonnes—and is planning to extend its finished products stocks considerably.

At the same time commercial executives are engaged in a campaign to achieve a substantial increase in exports to third countries.

Recently, aided by the devaluation of sterling, the corporation has shipped 600 tonnes of high-value engineering steels to Japan, and for the first time in three years has won an order from the Soviet Union for a shipment of 30,000 tonnes of sheet, with the prospect of follow-on orders.

It is also looking for expansion of its sales to the North American market over the next year.

Post Office forecasts 'significant profits'

By Malcolm Brown

Sir William Ryland, chairman of the Post Office, said yesterday that there would be a "significant" increase in the corporation's profits this year. But Sir William, who was replying to an assertion by Mr Tom Jackson, general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers, that phone profits alone this year would total around £400m, declined to be drawn into specifying any figure.

Speaking on BBC Radio's *The World This Weekend* Sir William said it was too early to give definite figures, but profits would be significantly better than those for 1975-76.

In 1975-76 the corporation made a profit of £147.9m; telecommunications achieved a total of £154.7m and Giro, remittance services and data processing all made small contributions. But posts lost £9.2m during the year.

Sir William said yesterday: "Only a short time ago we were being criticized for being inefficient and making losses. We recognize that we need to invest in this country, and we have to find the money from our own resources."

In spite of Sir William's caution, there have been indications for some months that the corporation would make what by the standards of the last few years is a remarkably high profit. By the end of the financial year it appears probable that the overall profit of the corporation will be between £350m and £400m, the lion's share being brought in from telephones.

Posts are expected to break even or possibly make a small loss, while Giro and the other services will again contribute a small profit.

A large profit by the corporation will go a long way to helping it meet the new financial targets the Government has imposed. The telecommunications division must earn for the three years 1976-77 to 1978-79 a real rate of return of 6 per cent.

Reaction to a high profit from the corporation is certain to be mixed. There is relief that the Post Office is now back to profitability after a series of disastrous years, but critics suggest that the size of the profits is a surprise even to the PO.

New approach on worker-directors

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Deep divisions within the Bullock Committee and among industrial leaders may force legislation designed to tailor participation to individual corporate situations

Enabling legislation for a more flexible approach in encouraging the introduction of workers' democracy throughout British industry may be forced on the Government. This means rejecting the majority view of Lord Bullock's Committee of Inquiry into Industrial Democracy that union-elected employee directors should share unitary boardroom power with shareholders' nominees and a quota of independent directors.

Ministers are apparently deeply disturbed by the vehemence of the opposition which industrialists have privately pledged ahead of publication of the full Bullock report later this month.

The Confederation of British Industry and the British Institute of Management, and a host of other representative organizations, are about to launch a potentially divisive campaign of "unremitting opposition" to any Government-imposed form of industrial democracy.

Opinion within Whitehall, where a separate study has been in progress on how to promote employee-participation in the state-owned industries and public services, has swung towards introducing only some form of background legislation that stimulates experiments, and recognizes the need for tailoring participation to individual corporate situations.

This recognizes the deep divisions within the Bullock Committee as well as the varying responses obtained in the Government's own consultations in the public sector.

Just how deeply split is the Bullock Committee, which gives a majority recommendation for single-tier boards based on the 2x+y formula, is indicated by the strength of the minority views of its industrialist members. These come from Mr Jack Callard, the ex-ICI chairman who now heads British Home Stores, Mr Barrie Heath, chairman of GKN, and Mr Norman Biggs, the former Esso and Williams & Glyn's Bank chairman.

They claim that most of industry, middle management, and even some powerful trade unions do not want the appointment of worker directors as proposed by the union representatives and academics represented on the committee.

Of this combination of interests, their minority report says starkly: "It would be exceedingly unwise for the nation to disregard their practical realism and accept the theories of those who see this debate as a means of changing the structure of society in this country and who would seek to bring the boards of the private sector under trade union control."

Scant account, they argue, has been taken by their Bullock colleagues, of the realities of British industry. Industry had a fragmented union movement, and a large sector of the workforce do not belong to unions. The unions believed deeply in collective bargaining and were divided about all the problems involved in power-sharing within private industry.

The minority report's strongest words are reserved for the proposal that worker democracy has to be effected only through trade unions.

One of the great strengths of political democracy, they declare, is that every citizen has equal rights and no one need belong to either a party or an organization to exercise their rights.

"It would make a mockery of democracy as we know it to limit the rights of employees in any system of industrial democracy to those who have opted for collective representation through a trade union", they state.

The minority members argue that unions have nothing to fear from other systems of representation for employees, whether union-organized or not. Strong unions with united membership could surely not fear a procedure embracing non-union representatives.

Intriguingly, the minority report is not opposed to worker directors in principle, rather the objection is aimed at the appointment of single-tier boards, which now served as the apex of skilled executive management.

The dilution of management expertise, the confusion of objectives and the risk of a blocking vote emerging from the formula proposed in the majority report seem a sure recipe for a decline in managerial leadership as well as initiative.

If the Government were to insist on putting workers on boards, then the German model might be embraced. There, the two-tier system in large companies (with supervisory and management boards) had a substructure of employee councils.

Supervisory boards in Britain, they suggest, could consist of one-third employee-elected members, one-third shareholders, and one-third independents. The independents would be appointed by employee and shareholder directors acting together (on a two-thirds majority vote).

They see the supervisory board directors being drawn from all employees, including nominees of shop floor, white collar staff and middle management.

While this seems a considerable concession, the industrialists on the Bullock Committee go on to say the concept of supervisory boards should be introduced to companies only where there had been a representative Employees Council for a minimum of three years and where there was an overwhelming ballot by employees for workers on boards.

They say there must be "no compromise" on the idea of secret ballots by employees in resolving how employee representation systems should be introduced. Employee nominees on a supervisory board should constitute less than half the membership. All employees, and not just union members, should be concerned in any elections to either Employee Councils or the subsequently established Supervisory Boards.

Both Sir Jack Callard and Mr Norman Biggs are proposing to explain their opposition to the Bullock majority views at a special conference being called on January 28 by the British Institute of Management.

The BIM, for its part, does not believe the Government is right to propose legislation on industrial democracy.

Mr Roy Close, the BIM's director general, comments: "To judge from everything we hear about a majority report, a minority report, and a dissenting member of the majority, it is clear that views on this important question remain sharply divided".

This, he adds, reinforced the need for a flexible approach to employee-participation to meet the particular circumstances and needs of companies. The original terms of reference for the Bullock team were heavily biased in the first place.

The Government should pay due regard to the needs and circumstances of different industries by pursuing a flexible approach, allowing a settling in period for participative systems that can be negotiated to reflect individual needs.

The CBI view is that industry must get on with its own work on participation in its own way "without the threat of ill-conceived legislation". Lord Watkinson, the president, claims that to enforce board membership by delegates from the shop floor and, even worse, trade union nominees from outside companies was to stand the whole system of participation on its head.

He has told CBI members who are anxious about the Bullock report: "You will be shocked, alarmed, and angered when you see it".

The Government is proposing to make a statement when the Bullock report is released. At the same time, it will indicate its thoughts for policy in the public sector with a White Paper planned for nationalized industries.

Beleaguered cities look to Mr Carter for relief

Many of America's biggest cities are still in desperate financial difficulties, with problems too great to solve by themselves.

Detroit announced last week that it was almost bankrupt, and Mayor Beame of New York is to try to raise local taxes again and make further spending cuts to reduce the city's next budget deficit of at least $585m (£344m).

The city was rescued from the brink of financial disaster just over a year ago. It has stumbled forward, but the threat of a new crisis is ever present.

Acute financial problems in cities could undermine the slowly rising level of confidence in the nation's economic prospects and the efforts being made in Washington to strengthen the economy.

Many of the biggest cities in north-eastern United States have imposed tax levels so high that employers have moved elsewhere.

They confront huge and growing social welfare bills, with New York City in a particularly poor situation, as a Federal Reserve Bank report notes.

It states that the city's social welfare expenditures are 14 times what they were 20 years ago. The number of young and old people in the city has swelled so much that less than half the residents are of working age.

The number of people needing public assistance has grown since 1961 from 339,000 to 598,000, and manufacturing employment in the city is 55 per cent of the level of two decades ago.

Mr Beame and other mayors are doing all they can to balance their budgets but are stripping their cities of their attractiveness and vitality as a result.

They are hoping that President-elect Carter will come to the rescue. He is likely to help, and has suggested that he recognizes the real problems, and, more important, that he is aware of how these problems can weaken the country as a whole.

Swift action is needed to avoid new crises. It can take several forms, most notably a full restructuring of social welfare, involving much greater direct federal Government payments.

In addition, the Government could assume a greater share of the education, hospital, roads and public transportation costs of cities.

But financing such schemes will generate budget difficulties, and because of this it is no exaggeration to say that financial problems of many of the great American cities rank among the most important matters Mr Carter will have to deal with when he takes over the Presidency on January 20.

Frank Vogl

Crucial talks on sterling balances

By Peter Norman

Leading Western central bankers meet in Basle today for what should prove to be the crucial meeting to solve the problem of Britain's overseas sterling balances.

The question was discussed by the bankers at their session in Basle last month and later by a group of experts in Paris before Christmas. As a result of these discussions it is expected that the central bankers from the Group of Ten richest industrial nations and Switzerland will be asked to approve a "safety net" for sterling.

This would probably consist of a stand-by credit organized through the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, on which the Bank of England could draw to cover withdrawals of foreign held sterling from London. In Europe, at least the alternative of a "funding" of the sterling balances is regarded as a very unlikely outcome to this month's meeting.

One leading European central banker, who has been closely involved with the discussions, told me that he felt today's meeting could reach approximate agreement and that a final settlement might be reached in Basle later.

However, an official silence from Basle this week would not necessarily indicate that the talks had broken down.

The British Government wants a solution to the problem of the sterling balances because it believes that the pound's weakness last autumn was exacerbated by the rapid decline in sterling assets held in London by official overseas creditors.

Although European central banks, at least, have tended to think that the balances problem was more a symptom than a root cause of the pound's troubles, there has been a remarkable willingness to help Britain set up a safety net, led by the West German, Swiss and Dutch central banks.

These three, with the United States and Japan, can be expected to shoulder the main financial burden of the operation.

Although it appears that there has been no firm decisions yet on the amount of money involved in setting up a safety net, it seems that the central bankers are largely agreed on the outlines of a scheme.

As in 1968, when there was an earlier move to defuse the effect of the sterling balances on the exchange rate of the pound, the Bank for International Settlements would set up a standby credit for the Bank of England which would be guaranteed by the other central banks of the Group of Ten and Switzerland.

In today's circumstances, the standby would be at least $2,000m (about £1,200m) covering about half the outstanding sterling balances held by official bodies abroad.

However, unlike the 1968 package, there would be no individual deals between the Bank of England and foreign official holders of sterling to ensure that they kept part of their reserves in London, because the sterling area has now effectively disappeared.

More exports now charged in foreign currencies

By Our Industrial Staff

Just over 20 per cent of exports are invoiced in foreign currencies, according to an analysis of commercial invoices lodged with the Customs and Excise.

The analysis, documented in the latest issue of *Trade and Industry*, covered selected export shipments in April, 1976. From a sample of some 2,700 invoices it emerged that the overall figure was made up of 12 per cent of the invoices in the importing country's own currency and 8 per cent in American dollars.

There were few examples of invoicing in foreign currencies other than dollars or those of the importing countries.

The journal says that it seems likely that the overall proportion of foreign currency invoicing had been rising relative to its traditional level—earlier, limited work had suggested a proportion of 10 to 15 per cent—and suggests that the decline in the sterling exchange rate since the spring may have led to a further increase in the proportion.

The Confederation of British Industry is organizing a seminar next month to explain to businessmen the choice of currencies available for export invoicing

Brazil and Colombia seek accord on coffee prices

Bogota, Jan 9.—Brazil and Colombia, two of the world's biggest coffee producers, are calling for a special session of the International Coffee Council to look into ways of stabilizing world coffee prices, a Colombian government spokesman said yesterday.

He said the agreement was reached in an exchange of messages in the last few days between Colombian President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen and Brazilian President Ernesto Geisel.

The text of the exchanges, initiated by President Lopez on Monday, were released here today.

In his message to President Geisel, Senor Lopez said because of the unease felt by many countries over rising coffee prices it was essential to "find a satisfactory joint solution to the problem".

President Geisel replied that he agreed on the need to "guarantee the tranquillity of the coffee market", but he did not think the problem could be solved by producer countries alone.

The Brazilian leader said the best solution would be to convene a special session of the council.

No date was mentioned for the proposed special session.

US ready to consider funding operation

From Our United States Economics Correspondent
Washington, Jan 9

United States government officials here also suggested at the weekend that the chances for an agreement being reached in Basle tomorrow on the problem of sterling balances were good.

However, sources here, unlike the European experts, believe that some sort of "funding" operation is being considered. This would involve giving official foreign holders of sterling an opportunity to convert part of their holdings into a medium to long-term security of some sort

American sources also think that any special credit arrangement might be promoted through a BIS bond flotation.

If a standby credit plan were offered, the BIS would obtain special facilities to support its scheme from primarily the Federal Reserve system here and other central banks.

It is thought likely here that Dr Arthur Burns, the chairman of the Fed, who left here for Europe last Thursday and who is now in Basle, is prepared at the meeting to offer substantial credit lines to the BIS to resolve the sterling balances problems.

The United States Treasury has actively been involved in negotiations over recent weeks on this matter. However, it is thought here that the Treasury will not participate with funds in the BIS agreements, and that the Fed will alone represent the United States.

By this means and by utilization of the Fed's swap facilities it is thought possible that the international agreements could be formulated without Congressional approval.

'No pay code breach' by C & W board

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday there could be no breach of the Government's pay policy in his examination of salaries of five executive directors of the state-owned Cable and Wireless company.

It was revealed in *The Times* on Friday that the five protesting directors had agreed to reelection to the board "pending consideration of certain proposals".

Salaries of the directors (four are paid £10,330 and one £12,830 a year) had to be looked at in the context of the pay of nationalized industry board members as a whole, Mr Varley explained.

He has yet to discuss the still secret pay proposals put forward by Cable and Wireless's chairman, Mr Ted Short.

De Beers looks to record profit

Record diamond sales for 1976 of about $1,500m (about £883m) are due to be reported this week by the Central Selling Organization, which is the marketing arm of De Beers.

The record sales could boost the pre-tax profits of De Beers by some 80 per cent to about 320m rand (about £350m).

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Iran buys Land-Rovers

British Leyland will increase its assembly of Land-Rovers in Iran by more than 50 per cent this year. Leyland International announced today that its distributors in Iran—Morratab Industries — had confirmed orders for 6,000 Land-Rovers valued at £14m.

$1.60 pound predicted

Stockbrokers Phillips & Drew predict that sterling will fall to $1.60 by the middle of the year, as the pound is allowed to drift downwards to counter higher inflation. However North Sea oil will pull Britain through if pay policies are maintained.

Mr Blumenthal says Carter measures may help trading partners

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Jan 9

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the American Treasury Secretary-designate, stated today that he hopes the new package of reflationary measure proposed by Mr Carter, the President-elect, would be coordinated with actions taken by America's chief trading partners to strengthen their own domestic economies.

Mr Blumenthal stressed in a television interview today that the Carter Administration fully recognized the degree to which the United States lives in an economically inter-related world, and that the Administration will be determined to "do its very best" to coordinate and cooperate with foreign countries in economic affairs.

He noted that the precise numbers involved in the new reflationary programme had still to be finalized. The $30,000m two-year programme already announced should be seen as just a first step, he said, "and only a first step" towards strengthening the economy, increasing business confidence and creating incentives to investment.

The future Treasury Secretary considered that without this programme it was unlikely that unemployment this year would fall below 7 to 7.5 per cent from the current level of around 8 per cent.

The new programme should reduce the jobless rate by about 1 per cent and so, with luck, take it close to 6.5 per cent by the end of the year. In addition, and more important, he said the programme would ensure a further reduction of unemployment in 1978.

Mr Blumenthal said the programme involved some moderate tax cuts which should be viewed as only the start of the Administration's plans to reshape the American tax system.

Tax reform, involving some fundamental changes in tax rates and a simplification of the tax code, is one of Mr Carter's chief priorities, he pointed out.

Working out major reform proposals was highly complicated and would take some time. However, he suggested that the Administration should be able to offer its proposals to the Congress some time this year, so that they could come into effect in 1978.

The Carter Administration aimed to offer the business community a more secure economic environment that would forcefully contribute to the development of a "more vibrant and growing economy". He added that should the new package of measures prove to be insufficient, he felt certain that Mr Carter would not hesitate to call for additional measures.

Mr Blumenthal said he was not concerned right now about America's growing balance of trade deficit, as this was largely the product of the United States enjoying faster economic growth now than that being seen in most of its chief trading partner countries.

He was hopeful that those foreign countries would be able to achieve faster growth rates and be encouraged by the leadership being given now with the new reflationary measures Mr Carter had outlined.

Finally, Mr Blumenthal did not see any real danger of sharply rising inflation here this year. The new administration has been careful and prudent in designing the new reflationary package to ensure that it did not have the effect of unleashing further inflationary pressures.

On other pages

Lending rate 14 pc

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate is reduced by one quarter percentage point this week to 14 per cent. The following are the results of Friday's Treasury Bill Tender:

Applications	£1,132.74m	Allotted	£300m
Bids at	£96.68%	Received	50%
Prev. week	£96.63%	Received	30%
Average rate	£13.2686%	Prev. week	£13.5001%
Next Friday	£300m	Replace	£400m

Management

Edited by Rodney Cowton

A diplomatic touch for the men at the Foreign Office

The public service tends to be regarded as fair game for criticism. But relatively few or the people who enjoy this pastime appear to have any detailed understanding of how the service works, or how, specifically, it could be improved.

One sector of the public service which is likely to be in the news before long is the Diplomatic Service. For the past 12 months it has had the benefit of being examined by the Central Policy Review Staff ("the "Think Tank"), a task which was due to be completed about now, though it is not clear how much of the Think Tank's report will be made public.

But how does one most effectively manage an organization like the Diplomatic Service which has 58 departments in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London, and nearly 220 establishments of various shapes and sizes throughout the world?

Such a degree of dispersal is of itself enough to create substantial management problems. But to these must be added problems created by the abstract nature of the work.

How does one, for example, measure the efficiency of the political reporting from Washington? And how is that to be assessed against the work of another mission elsewhere which may be mainly concerned with promoting overseas trade, or deterring the nationalization of British assets or, perhaps, just keeping an eye on the use made of British aid?

The problem is a difficult one which has to be tackled from a number of directions, and one strand in the FCO's monitoring and control of its operations is through the Diplomatic Service Inspectorate, which describes itself as "in-house consultants".

The inspectorate consists of 35 people from within the diplomatic service. They include five teams, each of three people, who tour the embassies and other overseas establishments. There are also two people permanently involved in inspecting the departments of the FCO in London.

The role of the inspectorate is defined as being to carry out a continuous review of the operations of the Diplomatic Service both at home and abroad, to ensure that its resources are being used efficiently and for the right purposes.

What this means is that every establishment abroad and every department at home is subjected to a detailed examination roughly every three years.

The members of the overseas teams, who stay in the inspectorate for about two years, before resuming their normal careers in diplomacy, make three tours a year, each of about 11 weeks, with periods for de-briefing and briefing in between.

The inspections appear to have the tone of a cooperative examination between the inspectors and the staff of the mission, rather than an intimidating exposure of fault by stern interrogators. A station will normally know some months in advance when the inspectors are to arrive.

The inspectors will discuss their tentative conclusions as they are being formulated, with the staff of the mission concerned and this can lead to a modification of views on both sides, so that the lengthy report finally made by the inspectors will usually contain a lot of material on which agreement has already been achieved.

The finance department has its own internal audit system, and although the inspectorate's search for efficiency in the missions clearly has financial implications, cash saving does not appear to be a key purpose. Rather the main objective appears to be to achieve "fitness for purpose".

Thus, among the first tasks of the inspectors when being briefed in London and on arrival at a mission will be to assess what are the main British interests and the essential purpose of the mission, and it will be against those purposes that the adequacy of the resources and the use made of them will be assessed.

The inspectors' reports tend to be characterized by great attention to detail. For example, they could recommend that changing circumstances require a political embassy to be strengthened or reduced in strength. They may find that procedures for handling top secret material are inadequate.

But equally, they may feel that some typewriters could usefully be returned to store, or that the Spanish and German language cassettes should be replaced by French, or similar trivialities.

The inspectors do not normally assess the cost implications of their recommendations, although there was one recent occasion in which they did so and concluded that they would lead to savings in one country alone of about £400,000 a year, a sum which would go a long way towards matching the costs of the inspectorate.

However, the general philosophy of the inspectorate has tended to be to try to make a fairly taut assessment of the facilities required and to assume that the necessary cash resources would be made available. There are some indications that the advent of cash limits is now leading to a modification of that philosophy.

There appear to be two related reasons for placing at least a question mark against the inspectorate's effectiveness.

The first is that because the members of the inspectorate are also members of the Diplomatic Service they are likely to share many of its assumptions.

The second is that the inspectors are people of middling seniority, most of them, no doubt, with hopes of further advancement in the service, and their period in the inspectorate might well be a rather delicate stage of their careers.

Neither of these factors seems likely to lead to the inspections being unduly robust.

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Computers to the aid of distribution planners

At its simplest, the problem of the effective distribution of a company's products is one of balancing transport costs against quality of service. But, in practice, such are the many options available, most large organizations have found that their real world of distribution is a complex, computer-based exercise in operational research.

Not surprisingly, the computing service companies have developed a range of programs designed to assist in the analysis and planning of transport and distribution systems. Representatives from more than 50 companies attended a recent seminar on the subject at the Milton Keynes headquarters of Scicon Computer Services, the BP-owned bureau.

For Trebor Sharps, confectionery manufacturers, Scicon has developed a national distribution model. This consists of a suite of programs which represent the movement and handling of sweets from factories, through "break-bulk" depots, to distribution depots and then on to customers.

Depending on the average size of their orders, customers may receive deliveries either from distribution depots or (for large orders) direct from break-bulk depots.

Using the model, questions such as "How many depots are needed?", "Where should they be?", "What will their throughputs be?", and "What areas of the country should they serve?" can be answered.

Included in the overall model is a local delivery cost model. This calculates the cost per unit of serving groups of customers from all the depots that can practicably serve them.

It evaluates the economics of journeys of more than one day and goes on to select the type of journey which will give the cheapest unit delivery costs.

To validate the model the company's operations in 1975 were analysed. Every aspect of the model's solution was compared with actual company practice and discrepancies were accounted for.

Trebor Sharps and Scicon are now using the model to identify areas where savings can be made and to evaluate the costs of implementation.

Another example of distribution modelling software is the Pathfinder package developed by British Road Services, which is used to estimate the number and sizes of vehicles needed for a delivery fleet. Using Ordnance Survey grid squares to define the depot delivery areas, information on quantities of goods and the drops to be made can be specified in either of two ways, depending on the detail required.

For fleet sizing calculations the total volume of goods to be delivered to each square and the total number of drops in it are specified. For vehicle routing, the location, quantity to be delivered, service level and restricted delivery times are specified for each customer.

This information is used together with data on the roads in the area, expected vehicle speeds and work-study or other standards to produce a detailed set of routes.

As well as fleet sizing and route planning, the Pathfinder package has been applied to distribution audits, the selection of additional or replacement vehicles, depot location, evaluating time restrictions, analysing levels of customer service, assessing the economics of trips longer than one day, evaluating productivity negotiations and the effects of seasonal factors, training and planning collections.

The Pathfinder system and the Trebor Sharp model represent two approaches to distribution planning—the packaged system (in this case developed by a transport company and marketed by the computer bureau) and the tailored solution. Both offer fast calculation and the ability to test a wide range of options.

In cases where a mathematical statement of the problem is required but where standard packages do not fit mathematical programming codes, such as Scicon's "Sciconic", can be used. For a national chain of clothing retailers, for example, a detailed study of inter-depot trunking operations, using the Sciconic code, has been completed.

Here, the objectives were to determine the optimum size and location of the vehicle fleet and to produce route schedules in response to specified levels of demand.

A mathematical model was constructed which was able to select the best combination of containers, articulated trailers and freightliners. Simultaneously, it determined how each container or trailer should be packed and the path it should take to its destination.

To complete the picture the model also represents the movement of empty containers and trailers which are necessary to ensure the correct balance of resources at each depot.

The sort of questions that are answered include "How much of each type of goods should I make at each factory? To which depot should it be sent and which depots should supply which customers? How should I schedule my factories or individual machines to satisfy demand and maintain my stock levels? Do I need all my factories or depots? If not, which should I close? How much money will I save and what will be the cost in terms of flexibility?"

Kenneth Owen

Training films learn to communicate with international audiences

The finals of the Management Training Film and Video competition organized by the British Industrial and Scientific Film Association and the British Institute of Management saw Video Arts' *Meetings, Bloody Meetings* take both the trophy presented by the Imperial Group and one of the two certificates given by the BIM; and the other certificate also went to Video Arts for their *Manhunt*.

Video Arts' approach to training, using John Cleese's remarkable comic talent, is by now well-known and appreciated. *Manhunt* shows him in three managerial interview situations, making three different types of mistake.

The title of *Meetings* is self-explanatory and the praiseworthy purpose is to make meetings shorter, more productive and more satisfying.

The chairman of Imperial Group, Mr John Pile, when he presented the trophy, spoke of an aspect of training films that is often overlooked—their export potential. The market for our training films is expanding—an implicit tribute, he suggested, to the quality of our management, as well as a measure of the quality of our films.

Millbank Films, which earlier this year made *Your House in Order?* (industrial accidents are caused by untidiness and slack working) and *Man in the Middle* (the supervisor, sandwiched between management and shop stewards and balancing the claims of production and safety) have come up now with a package of two films on coaching for the Training Services Agency of the Manpower Services Commission.

I Owe You shows a manager being introduced by an enlightened colleague to the need for developing the abilities of subordinates; *Received with Interest*, to be viewed after work based on the accompanying leader's guide, shows the reformed manager putting his lessons into practice. There are too many managers in need of the message and the package could do them a lot of good.

Wimpey presumably had export potential well in mind when they made *Focus on Training*. This is not a training film, but a picture of the elaborate facilities that Wimpey provide in their training organization.

It is mainly designed for the company's own training purposes, but the organization also undertakes outside assignments. In the light of its overseas representation this stirs an echo of Mr Pile's reference to the African head of the largest company in one African country he had visited recently who is sending his colleague concerned with training to a course in Imperial's training school.

Training is increasingly international and films are no small part of it.

Meetings, Bloody Meetings and *Manhunt*, both 29 minutes; £245 each. Hire: two days, £38.50; seven days, £48.50.

Your House in Order?, 23 minutes, and *Man in the Middle*, 22 minutes; £150 each. Hire: three days, £20; seven days, £25.

I Owe You, 25 minutes; £250. *Received with Interest*, 14 minutes; £150. Complete package, £315. Hire: three days, £35; seven days, £45.

Focus on Training, 22 minutes. Free hire.

Eynon Smart

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fresh light on air fare comparisons

From Mr A. J. Burkart

Sir, Your Air Correspondent (December 9) pertinently asks, "Are air fares within Europe too high?". It may be that they are, and no doubt the public consultation arranged for this week by the Civil Aviation Authority will throw light on the matter. But a direct comparison of European air fares with United States fares on the basis of similar lengths of journey oversimplifies the case.

Your Air Correspondent compared the fares between 10 city pairs in the United States with 10 city pairs of like length in Europe. For example, the fare New York-Philadelphia, a distance of 89 miles, is £14.11, whereas the fare Brussels-Amsterdam, 98 miles, is as much as £24.73.

However, the combined populations of New York and Philadelphia are more than 16 million, those of Brussels and Amsterdam barely two million. Demand for air services between cities is determined by many factors but in part at least by the size of the two populations.

There is really nothing surprising in finding a greater frequency of service, more traffic and hence lower fares in the American city pairs cited by your Air Correspondent whose populations total 50 million, than in the 10 European city pairs who account for merely 24 million population.

Further, the United States experience is all domestic; the European all international. This is not merely a matter of who fixes the fares—the Civil Aeronautics Board in the United States, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in the European cases.

There must be more in common to encourage air travel in the American cases all under a single commercial and political system than is likely at present in Europe. For example, there is likely to be greater community of interest between Pittsburgh and Denver (1,300 miles, £67.75) than between London and Bucharest (1,300 miles, £143.46); or again between Boston and Denver (1,763 miles, £85.81) than between London and Rhodes (1,735 miles, £179.97).

Thirdly, air transport in Europe has developed in a distinctively different way from the American way. In particular, leisure travel by air in Europe has produced the air-inclusive tour (package holiday) which has not been paralleled in the United States. In terms of passengers, more than half the total intra-European air traffic is now carried on non-scheduled (charter) services. Most of this non-scheduled traffic is holiday-oriented, attracted by the lower fares and prices that are made possible by non-scheduled operation.

As a result, the fares on scheduled services, especially on holiday routes, are relatively high, and the frequency of flights is low—and in some cases, eg from Scandinavia to the east coast of Spain, scheduled services no longer run at all. The single daily service London-Rhodes cited by your Air Correspondent is supplemented in the holiday season by a significant number of non-scheduled services.

Thus, the big part played by non-scheduled air services in the growth of intra-European air traffic invalidates single comparisons between the levels of scheduled fares in the United States and those in force in Europe.

There may well be scope for lower air fares in Europe, but the way to lower fares may not be the American way. At a time when the American commentators are themselves becoming highly critical of their own system it is to be hoped that due weight will be given to the distinctive developments of European civil aviation.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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Safety needs and the manning of coasters

From Mr R. J. M. Grey

Sir, Mr Bell (December 14) in pointing out the considerable differences between the manning levels on board small British and Danish coasters has doubtless put his finger upon the principal reason for the decline in the British-owned short sea fleet. But in suggesting, however obliquely, that the Danish levels be taken as a norm, he does a considerable disservice to the cause of safety at sea.

There are, for instance, grave doubts about the ability of a wholly mechanically untrained ship's master to maintain a 600 hp diesel engine and its auxiliaries. The coaster in a gale in the middle of the North Sea is not, after all, comparable to the lorry broken down on the motorway. An 800-ton ship may be small beer in the Channel seaways but it can be the cause of all manner of catastrophe if it is being navigated by an exhausted master or even his wife.

A pilot colleague tells me of recently boarding a small Danish coaster inbound to London from the Elbe. The sole occupants of this vessel were the Master, who was in an advanced stage of exhaustion having had 36 hours of heavy weather after leaving his berth in Hamburg, and two Moroccan seamen, both completely without experience and violently seasick.

Neither could steer and these wretched men had been employed in watching small pieces of coloured paper stuck on the compass to indicate that the vessel was keeping her course. Their orders were to "call the skipper if anything gets too close".

Perhaps the United Kingdom manning standards do err on the side of righteousness. But I would suggest that it is up to the United Kingdom Government to press for an *international* level of manning for these small ships to ensure British competitiveness rather than courting danger à la Dane.

Yours faithfully,
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Kilo-sterling

From Mr Jim Friday

Sir, With a view to assisting both metrication and the British self-respect, perhaps the Government should change the name of the pound sterling to the kilo sterling. By my rough reckoning, that would put the exchange rate back at around one kilo=US$4. Surely this would be a huge psychological boost to us British in these troubled times.

Yours faithfully,
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Intervention in the Scotch whisky industry

From Mr A. K. Bergius

Sir, Mr Ronald Kersha (December 30) claims to dete an increasing body of opinic among distillers in favour government participation the affairs of the Scotch whisl industry. He implies that th view is gaining ground amor that section of the industry n represented by The Distille Company, but adduces evidence for his claim beyor the word of an unnam "expert".

As chairman of one of tl largest independent (non-DC companies, I can state catego cally that this is not our vie Government interference is tl root cause of most of our pro lems and we wish to see far le of it. I am convinced that tl is the attitude of the ove whelming majority of compani in the industry and I cann escape the conclusion that M Kershaw's "expert" represer a tiny proportion of the trade.

Export prices cannot allowed to increase in the w suggested by this "expert" long as home trade prices a depressed, as too great a d parity between export and hon prices only encourages parall imports which in turn disru orderly marketing in our imp tant overseas markets.

Certainly, at home there keen competition and pro margins are slender, but pric are not kept down because the attitude of one compar Excessive taxation on Scot whisky (almost £3.50 a bott and fierce competition fro other drinks which are mo lightly taxed make it extreme hazardous to increase hor prices without shrinking t total market for Scotch whisl

It would be extreme heartening to a hard-press industry to see some understar ing of this problem at t Treasury and the developme of a more sensible and coope tive attitude for the future.

It was unfortunate that M Kershaw omitted to mention t 20 per cent increase in expo prices introduced on January —only two days after his artic was published—although the crease had been reported *The Times* 12 days earlier.

Yours faithfully,
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Standards of new homes

From Mr G. P. Ewins

Sir, I was disturbed to re parts of a report of a Leec based firm of chartered su veyors (December 31). I ce tainly agree that builders a having to "build down to price" and that a high perce tage of homes are poorly bui with a lack of care and respor sibility. However, it came as surprise to me, and I'm sure u many other readers, to lear that buyers of such house should not rely on Nationa House Building Council protection.

I purchased a new house a few months ago and obtained a degree of satisfaction that if my house ever proved not to be up to standard I could always turn to the NHBC. Now, it seems, this may not be so, just what does the NHBC stand for?

It is a pity that the article offered no advice to private purchasers exactly how they should "make a stand against poor buildings". Could the NHBC play more of a role o watchdog in a situation which at the moment is a *fait accom pli* to people wishing to buy a new home?

Yours faithfully,
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Baden-Württemberg: beehive state

Regional industry in Europe

News last week that unemployment in West Germany had again topped the million mark in December was a pointed reminder that Europe's strongest economy still has a long way to go in eradicating the consequences of the recession of 1974 and 1975.

But while it was the global figure that exercised the minds of politicians and newspaper editors, it went almost unnoticed that one of the 11 Federal states appears well on the way to returning to full employment.

Baden-Württemberg, which occupies the south-western corner of the Federal Republic, likes to think of itself as a model for the rest of the country. In economic terms there is something to be said for this boast.

In the 25 years since its creation in May, 1952, the state of Baden-Württemberg has enjoyed a steady and relatively crisis-free economic growth.

At the end of last month only 3.2 per cent of its workforce were unemployed against a national average of 4.8 per cent while unemployment in West Germany as a whole fell by just under 11 per cent between the end of December, 1975 and end-December, 1976, the rate of decline in Baden-Württemberg was at 21.6 per cent—almost double this amount.

At first sight the state's record of economic growth and its relative immunity to unemployment are surprising. Although Baden-Württemberg is Germany's third largest state, it is not an area naturally endowed with raw materials or sources of energy nor (with the exception of the area adjoining the Rhine) was it at the time of industrialization in the 19th century an area blessed with easy access to large markets.

Yet today Baden-Württemberg can claim to have an almost optimal industry-based economic structure. In contrast to West Germany as a whole, there is a healthy mixture of large, medium sized and small companies scattered throughout the state.

As West Germany is still one of those places where it is possible for the individual with a bright idea or a good product to make—and keep—a large amount of money, the profusion of small and medium firms is probably a healthy indicator of the economic wellbeing of the state.

The industry of the inhabitants is legendary, and like their conservatism often a subject of mockery in other parts of Germany. Furthermore, the diligence of Germany's south-westerners can be backed up by statistics. No less than 47 per cent of the state's 9.15 million inhabitants are gainfully employed, against a national average of only 42.7 per cent.

Two companies in particular are of prime importance for the economy of Baden-Württemberg. They are Daimler-Benz, the world-renowned car and commercial vehicle manufacturer, and Bosch, the electrical and motor components concern.

Theodore Heuss, the first President of West Germany once said the inhabitants o Baden-Württemberg drew thei character from a blend of spe ulative imagination on the on hand and a rather pedanti accountant-like thrist for acc racy on the other. It has bee argued that the combination these qualities lies behind th continuing success of Bade Württemberg's two major com panies.

Daimler-Benz, for exampl was alone among the We German car manufacturers i being able to shrug off the o crisis. Last year turnover ar production rose to recor levels and earnings a expected to top the alrea excellent results of 1975.

The key role played by tw such "blue chip" compani in the state economy cannot b overestimated. Althous Daimler-Benz has long sin expanded beyond the sta borders, more than 70 per ce of its German workforce still employed in Baden-Wür temberg. Every twenties worker employed there wor for Daimler, and the compa provides more than 5 per ce of the wages earned in th state, and accounts for over per cent industrial turnover the south-west.

Daimler's success has unde pinned the economic wellbei of countless component man facturers. It has been est mated that 40 per cent of th group's suppliers are based Baden-Württemberg, of whic by far the largest is Bosch.

Bosch in turn emplo around 60 per cent of its We German workforce in the stat and it is thought that arour half of its component suppliers lie within the boundaries Baden-Württemberg.

Peter Norma

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Selectivity pays off in property

...estioning fundamental values a time when property shares in favour with the market ...y seem like tempting fate. ...t in gauging the scope for ...ther appreciation of share ...ues in the sector one needs look at the basis of the mar...'s current enthusiasm.

...gnics argue that the revival ...share prices towards the end 1976 reflected institutional ...rts to cheer up their year-balance sheets rather than deeper confidence in the ...look for the economy. The ...lical view puts the market's ...tinued strength down to ...port by smaller funds fol...ng the major insurance com...es' pre-Christmas buying ...e through fear of missing ...on the rise. Optimists ...ter this self-fulfilling ...usiasm theory with talk of ...rth Sea oil-primed economy-recovery by next year, a ...very which the market is beginning to discount.

...king a position somewhere ...een these extreme views, ...hard to justify indiscrimin-support for property shares ...rrent levels. Interest rates ...fallen. But a ¾ point de-...in MLR in the past few ...s still leaves high-geared ...ps gasping for additional ...ing support. And it is un-...stic to assume that prime ...erty yields, and conse-...tly property values, auto-...cally rise in converse ...portion to interest rates ...rally.

...hen MLR soared to over ...er cent before Christmas ...e yields failed to rise by ...mount reflecting the direct ...rtunity cost of alternative ...stments. Instead, yields bid ...to 5¾ per cent during the ...rational buying spree in the ...half of 1976 moved to 6 ...¾ per cent in a much ...er market, buyers taking ...view that interest rates ...d eventually turn down. ...current easing of interest ...has, therefore, already ...discounted.

...this situation there can ...o repetition of the recovery ...roperty values seen at the ...of the year in 1976 as ...ls are already looking ahead ...ingle figure interest rates. ...ould also be unrealistic to ...for any significant rise in ...nercial rent levels this ...ue, we are nearer the re-...ry in rents expected when ...omic activity and thus de-...d for office and industrial ...erty expands and the ...al cessation of new de-...pments over the past three ...s results in a space famine. ...the imbalance of demand ...supply is still only on the ...ron, and that horizon has ...pushed further away by ...ected cuts in Civil Service ...plements and by the Gov-...ent's plan for immediate ...extensive cuts in the activ-...of the Property Services ...ncy and local authorities' ...erty spending.

...t in the latest share price ...it is clear that investors ...not let sentiment entirely ...whelm sense, and the ...y speculative stocks, such ...pital & Counties, Town & ...and a number of the ...er companies, whose shares ...savaged during the prop-...crisis, such as Raglan and ...lan, have been bypassed. ...s selectivity should be-...increasingly important ...ghout the year. Without ...particular excitements ex-...d in the physical property ...et only long-term holdings ...ife stock can really be ...ied on fundamental ...ds at present price levels, ...gs that look forward to ...dual property market re-...y by the end of the de-...rather than any immediate ...rvement.

Land Securities, Hammerson Stock Conversion, Allnatt London and the industrial groups, Slough Brixton and Percy Bilton, fall into the safe long-term category.

Plantations

The three sisters

Unless the Malaysia-based Genting Highlands decides not to vote against the proposed merger and change of domicile of the three Harrisons & Crosfields' sisters, which is unlikely, or Harrisons sues for peace on the deadline, which appears even more unlikely, the ambitious scheme, which is costing £800,000 in expenses, will come to nothing today, an outcome discounted in the share prices of the three sisters.

Harrisons has adopted a somewhat haughty attitude towards Genting, which seems surprising given the very large sums already invested in attempting to mount the operation, which if anything has stiffened Genting's resolve to vote its 22 per cent in Golden Hope against the scheme—only just over 25 per cent is necessary to abort the proposals.

At the centre of the conflict is the threat of dilution of Genting's holding, while conversely Harrisons' grip on Golden Hope, London Asiatic and Pataling, will quite probably be strengthened.

Harrisons, with about 26 per cent of the equity of each of the three companies, could easily end up completely dominating the new Malaysian master company by controlling the United Kingdom-based mirror company, whose sole assets will be shares in the Malaysian company.

Meanwhile, Genting would be left with very much of a minority stake in the enlarged group, and considerably less potential power than it currently exercises.

Genting also argues that it bought into Golden Hope because of the prime assets and good product spread while the larger grouping would include plantations in politically sensitive areas with a top heavy product spread.

Harrisons concedes the geographical and product arguments, although it counters that this is included in the price. But unless some compromise can be reached, the whole scheme will become an expensive fiasco this morning when the extraordinary general meetings of the three sisters are held.

GEC

Stage one

One of the problems for a company and its advisers in putting together a novel scheme is judging the likely response of investors. Not that the proposed GEC scheme was ever at risk in the sense that it involved the raising of fresh funds, but response to a scheme can have an important psychological effect on future market attitudes to a share, and in the case of the GEC proposals the market's response on Friday was anything but rapturous.

True, there was plenty of short-term money to come out of GEC shares once the proposals were announced and it was not a particularly good day for the market in general. But, even allowing for that, the market was still disappointed on three main counts. First, it had been hoping for a scheme that would allow an improvement in the basic dividend. Second, it found the group's statement of intent on overseas expansion more confusing than enlightening. Third, it did not particularly take to the concept of the floating rate capital note.

What happens to the capital notes is going to be one of the more fascinating aspects of the scheme. The floating rate concept on medium-term paper is novel for most conventional British institutions and one at which they instinctively recoil. Quite simply, they prefer, where possible, to be able to feed fixed rates of return into their projections. It may be that time will change that view, but it is hard to see it happening during a period when the trend in interest rates is downward.

It could prove, then, that come mid-March, when dealings are expected to start, many institutional holders will want to unload their capital notes—free of gains tax for gross funds—and reinvest the proceeds elsewhere, even in GEC equity.

The comfort in this respect is that there should be a ready market for the loan notes elsewhere, particularly among the multinational and overseas banks operating in the international markets in which floating rate paper is commonplace. That, moreover, could be viewed as no bad thing to the extent that it develops an international taste for GEC paper, for the indications are that over the next few years international investors may well be asked to subscribe for appreciable amounts of GEC paper in the form of equity for any new overseas holding companies.

Thos W. Ward

Still highly geared

The collapse in scrap prices which started in Thos W. Ward's final quarter and still continues unchecked, has wiped out much of the optimism expressed at the group's interim stage. With virtually all the 17.5 per cent improvement in full year pre-tax profits coming from an £800,000 improvement in associate contributions (mainly Tunnel Holdings) to £2.8m and a modest cut in interest charges to £4m, Ward is still in the firm grip of its own gearing problems.

Banking February's £6m rights proceeds, while using the £3m cash from the previous year's Marshall-Fowler sale to support heavy spending on the construction side has helped bring down the borrowing ratio from 112 per cent to a slightly more acceptable 83 per cent.

But the prospects for paring this back further in the current year must be fast diminishing. Severe restrictions on capital spending during the past two years have left precious little fat on the bone while without a strong boost in the general level of economic activity even a repeat of this year's profit performance may be hard to achieve.

The group is forecasting little more than a repeat of last year's performance in construction, while competition and low demand for scrap which have resulted in prices falling 40 per cent since July, must augur badly for the iron and steel sector.

At 42½p after a 1½p fall on Friday the shares yield 13.2 per cent and are on an historic p/e ratio of around 5½—a duly cautious rating given the imponderables of current year trading. Meanwhile Ward is currently showing a book loss of some £4m on its 26.6 per cent Tunnel stake.

Final: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £22m
Sales £229m (£205m)
Pre-tax profits £8.1m (£6.9m)
Earnings per share 7.8p (6.8p)
Dividend gross 5.625p* (5.625p)
** On increased share capital*

Hugh Stephenson

Not by exports alone

It is said by some who have been availing themselves of the chance to use the Treasury's computer forecasting model that, almost whatever assumptions are fed into the system, the answer comes up with a strong growth of exports.

To the extent that this bias is a fact, it would explain the way in which Chancellor after Chancellor nails his flag to virtuous export led growth and is, time and again, disappointed.

Since growth in export volume is so central to present economic policy, it might be worth suggesting areas which may account for this apparently regular tendency. After all, it goes to the heart of the argument about whether effective devaluation of the exchange rate is a sufficient or a necessary condition of improved economic performance.

Since, at least, the 1967 sterling devaluation there have been sufficient voices drawing attention to the workings of the J-curve. The choice of the symbol "J" implies faith that the downwards part of the graph following devaluation will be short and sharp, before it is overtaken by the long upwards trend, resulting from increased competitiveness in world markets more than compensating for the initial deterioration in the terms of trade.

Experience indicates more of a V-curve would be a more appropriate choice of symbol, with a much longer period before the benign influences take charge.

Logic, of course, insists that countries, whose exchange rate produces a result that makes its products increasingly uncompetitive, must in time lose its share of the various world markets for its products. And vice versa.

Any failure of the real world to behave logically must, therefore, have to do with institutional and organizational frictions which slow, or resist entirely, the hypotheses of economics. The observer of the industrial and economic scene is daily fed snippets of information which indicate where some of these frictions may lie.

Take the motor car industry, for example, because it is important and because its import and export record are so constantly paraded before us by the various interest groups. Chrysler has a very successful car, the Alpine, a recent "car of the year". It is imported into this country. If all goes well, it may in a year or two be increasingly assembled and then manufactured here. Meanwhile, however, devaluation of the pound can only increase the trade deficit by each further successful Alpine sale.

Similarly, Vauxhall, the British part of General Motors, is building up its share of the British market with the Cavalier, imported from Belgium. It is another example of the fact that internationally integrated business now has marketing strategies and production schedules, rationally chosen, which cannot be altered at a moment's notice to take account of subsequent shifts in relative exchange rates.

Or take GEC, simply because it is in the news with its ingenious scheme to increase its effective dividend. Sir Arnold Weinstock seems to be saying that as one of the handful of the best managed companies in the country and with the mix of products that it has to offer, and despite the hugely advantageous exchange rate shift in 1976, substantial further development of business outside the United Kingdom has to be by acquisition and joint venture; and not by domestic investment and export. If that is his conclusion, all experience would indicate that he is right.

As more and more of international production becomes concentrated in the hands of integrated international groups, the sensitivity of world trade shares to short-term exchange rate changes will come closer to zero; and to medium and long-term changes will be heavily damped.

Quite apart from the argument about import quotas and the siege economy, governments in second rank industrial countries will have to become as concerned with intra-group trading practices and patterns as the governments of so-called developing countries have been in the past.

Mr Carter's package gives cheer to American industry

Mr Jimmy Carter, the President-elect, proposed a modestly stimulative package of economic measures on Friday that will undoubtedly serve to brighten the United States economy's prospects.

Indeed the new year has started with most Americans in a more cheerful mood about the outlook for their nation's economy.

Surveys of businessmen and consumers are showing mounting confidence, as do the views of the experts, with Mr William Simon, the Secretary of the Treasury, noting that "a healthy, balanced expansion is now under way".

Joining the bullish chorus and reflecting widespread views among American economists today are the professionals at the Argus Research Organization, who say that "1977 should turn out to be a rather good year—one in which inflation is no problem (at least early in the year), unemployment comes down and business activity in general posts some fairly good gains".

Another optimist is Mr Tilford Gaines, chief economist of the Manufacturers Hanover Trust, who wisely notes, however, that "if we should have learnt anything throughout history it is that when the future looks certain it probably is not".

American economists are once again publishing forecasts with great confidence, despite having been sadly wrong in their predictions in 1974 and 1975. The forecasts for the overall rate of economic activity in 1976 were, in fact, surprisingly accurate, even though nobody predicted that the first quarter would see an extremely sharp growth rate with the economy developing at a sluggish pace for the remainder of the year.

There are still a few pessimistic voices to be heard. Chase Econometrics Associates, for example, believes that the economy will run into serious difficulties in the late summer and that 1978 could see another recession.

It is now the widespread view that gross national product will grow in real terms this year by about 5 per cent, compared with an annual growth rate of about 4 per cent for the past six months.

Most forecasters accurately predicted that Mr Carter would propose about $15,000m of stimulus for the economy this year and thus the expert predictions mostly take into account the likely effect of the measures that the next President broadly outlined on Friday.

The forecasters assume that such a growth rate will result in a decline of 1 to 1.5 per cent in the unemployment level over the next 12 months from today's level of about 8 per cent. Also, they believe that the real growth rate will be achieved by only a modest rise in the inflation level to a rate of about 5.3 to 5.7 per cent, compared with a rate of about 5.1 per cent last year.

Michael Blumenthal (left), Mr Carter's nomination to take over as Treasury Secretary from William Simon (right): 'a healthy, balanced expansion is now under way'

Such real growth and relative price stability should provide a boost to the world economy. It will serve to stimulate world trade and no doubt ease the formidable tasks faced by countries such as Britain that are now striving to attain reasonable real growth this year, while at the same time sharply reducing their high inflation levels.

The prospect of faster real growth in the United States than in most other countries will probably lead to a continuation of developments experienced in the past 12 months, where the American level of imports grew much more rapidly than did the level of exports. The American foreign trade balance is also likely to be further eroded by another jump in oil import levels.

Mr Edward Heydinger, chief economist at the Marathon Oil Company, expects the United States oil trade deficit to rise by some $6,000m from the 1976 level of $35,000m. It remains to be seen whether America's large overall trade deficit can be offset in the balance of payments accounts by a further sharp gain in capital inflows.

Brokers on Wall Street are bullish about share prices and the dollar's attractiveness could be enhanced both by the comparatively low inflation level in America and the prospect of an upward trend in interest rates.

Fiscal policy is already firmly in place for three quarters of this year and is so fashioned as to support a nominal GNP growth rate of more than 10 per cent. The 1978 fiscal year budget, which comes into effect on October 1, is likely to see moderate growth in all areas of public expenditure.

Total American federal government spending in the present fiscal year, including the new proposals made by Mr Carter, will probably be about $425,000m and result in a deficit of about $60,000m to $70,000m.

Frank Vogl

The Department of Defence will undoubtedly catch up with its recent laggard spending performance and so provide a boost to sales by America's vast military equipment industry. Besides having a generally stimulative effect, the budget will provide particular assistance, because of special programmes, to employment and to the still depressed construction industry.

The course that monetary policy will take is difficult to predict. Dr Arthur Burns, the chairman of the Federal Reserve System, has said repeatedly that he wants to see a slower pace of growth in the money supply to ensure long-term price stability.

If he insists upon this course, then it is unlikely that the actual money supply growth rate will exceed the 5 per cent M1 and 9.8 per cent M2 levels of 1976.

However, the Fed is likely to experience much White House pressure to ensure a moderation of interest rate increases. Also, it may become more relaxed about inflation if further progress is made on this front, which, given the large productivity gains of the past year and the fairly low level of wage and oil price increases, is possible in the immediate future.

Argus Research predicts that money supply growth will be greater this year than has been seen for some time, with M1 growing by 6.9 per cent and M2 rising by 10.8 per cent.

Corporate profits have recovered strongly from their depressed 1975 levels, but the 30 per cent gains seen in 1976 are unlikely to be repeated. Company profits are widely seen as rising some 10 to 14 per cent this year.

Companies are likely to move ahead cautiously with capital investment plans, perhaps becoming more confident as the year develops. Surveys suggest that business fixed investment spending will rise in real terms by some 5 to 8 per cent.

Consumer spending is seen by almost all economists as continuing to move ahead undramatically and to provide the main fuel for greater economic growth in the months ahead. The reduction in the inflation rate has resulted in a strengthening of real disposable income levels.

New car sales last year reached 10 million units from 8.5 million in 1975 and may total 10.5 million in 1977. New housing starts also seem set for further increases, possibly reaching an annual rate late next year of two million units, compared with a rate recently of about 1.7 million. Gains in sales of most durable and non-durable goods should be seen.

The heavy level of public sector borrowing, combined with rising general loan demand, should result in a rise in short-term interest rates. Fed policy will determine just how large the rises will be. Many bankers expect the prime rate to climb by between 1 per cent and 2 per cent over the next year from the 6 per cent to 6.25 per cent level now prevailing.

With nobody seeing dramatic gains in either consumer or business demand for goods it is likely that business inventories will rise on a much more steady course than was seen over the past 18 months. The gradual upswing in inventory accumulation and in the economy's general growth rate will receive further support when Mr Carter's reflationary programme starts to have a visible effect on the economy in the second and third quarters of this year.

The outlook is bright for at least the next six months, but it is somewhat cloudy for the remainder of 1977. The performance of the economy in the second half of the year will undoubtedly be greatly influenced by inflationary and government policy factors, that cannot be realistically predicted at present.

A key factor will be the result of the United States harvest and its likely impact on food prices. Another important consideration is world commodity prices, notably oil prices, and their influence, together with that of increased world demand, on the prices of other raw materials.

The Fed's policies, as domestic money market pressures grow later this year, together with the quite unpredictable White House and congressional response to a continuation of high unemployment, will all have a big effect on business and consumer sentiment.

Some experts fear a revival of inflationary pressures later in this year which would undermine business confidence, produce new delays in business investment spending and lead to a slowdown in the economy's growth rate. Rising inflationary pressures could also undermine consumer spending and so contribute to a weakening of the economy.

The new programme outlined by Mr Carter involves a diverse package of tax cuts to start followed by a wide range of special job creating programmes. The stimulative effect of the job programmes is unlikely to be great, while the tax elements are likely to have only a fairly short-run reflationary impact.

Thus there is the possibility that trade unions and liberal Democrats may start calling for more reflationary measures by the late summer and who can tell how President Carter will respond?

It would seem on the basis of the tough team of fiscal conservatives that now surround Mr Carter that any further reflationary pressures will be staunchly resisted. A clearer indication of his likely course will come in the next month or two when the new President makes his own proposals for next year's budget. These proposals will show just how earnest he is about his election campaign pledge to bring about a balanced federal budget.

Should Mr Carter bow to the likely reflationary pressures that may emerge later this year then the prospect of a balanced budget within a few years will fade. Much more important, to bow to such reflationary pressures and permit a further significant swelling of the budget deficit, could well result in new inflationary fears coming to the fore, especially as the additional reflationary measures will take industrial capacity utilization levels back to high rates.

It greatly depends on Mr Carter's actions in the coming months whether inflation will or will not become the critical economic problem to face America during 1978.

Business Diary in Europe: Returned to sender

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...ser is accordingly moving ...o London from Frankfurt, ...he is chairman of a ...business acquired by SGI ...973. He settled in ...Germany after being ...ilized from the army only ...that there was not much ...for him in Britain.

...has left Germany for ...once before, as a 12-...ld in 1933, having been ...there, a British subject, ...tish father and German ...mother. He returned to Germany as a soldier in the last days of the war.

He served with the Gordon Highlanders, became a Commando, and fought fascists during the war and Communists after it, while serving in Greece.

In postwar Germany Fraser managed to have returned to him his mother's family's furniture making business, confiscated by the Nazis. As he prospered, he returned to a prewar hobby, stamp collecting.

By 1963 he had so many stamps, particularly from the Far East, that he started a dealing business whose acquisition took Gibbons into Europe and him on to the group board. Fraser is keen to expand the group and says there are "good prospects" of opening further offices in France and in Switzerland.

He is still chairman of the Frankfurt business, Stanley Gibbons Merkur, although day-to-day running is in the hands of Horst Pröschold, a philatelist and auctioneer, and Peter Hannasky, the administrator.

Fraser has sold one German furniture firm and would have sold the remaining one if business weren't (for Germany) so sluggish.

Of the move here, Fraser says he won't be any better off financially but just finds Britain a friendlier place in which to live. And as if to mark his return to the fold, Gibbons are making him managing director of their English stamp dealing business.

After Klasen?

Although Dr Karl Klasen, the president of the West German Federal Bank, is not due to retire until the end of this year, there is already speculation in Frankfurt and Bonn over his successor.

In one sense the flurry of rumour is understandable. As the West German central bank is constitutionally independent of the government, its president is a very important man. He can to a very large extent direct German economic and monetary policy for up to eight years without having to worry about the electorate.

Klasen, despite the aristocratic bearing and habits that are only to be expected from a former top executive of the Deutsche Bank, is a member of the Social Democrat Party and not surprisingly the SPD is keen to see one of its own installed in the presidency of the Bundesbank when he goes.

The present spate of rumours is merely symptomatic of the jockeying for position going on under the surface.

It has been suggested that Chancellor Schmidt's first choice would be a top commercial banker with a good understanding of monetary affairs.

But of the three most eminent candidates — Walter Hesselbach of the Bank Für Gemeinwirtschaft, Jürgen Ponto of the Dresdner Bank and Wilfried Guth of the Deutsche Bank—the first two have shown no inclination to move to the central bank while Guth is thought to sympathize with the opposition Christian Democrat Party.

Another name put forward is that of Karl-Otto Pöhl, at present state secretary in the Finance Ministry and conveniently a member of the SPD.

But Pöhl has no real banking experience, is at 47 probably too young for the federal bank job and is in any case required in the Finance Ministry.

New year sails

Undaunted by the popular image of the European Community as a frail craft struggling unsuccessfully to chart a new course through the towering waves of unemployment and economic recession, a group of young enthusiasts in Brussels are preparing for an equally gruelling sea voyage.

Sponsored by such European leaders as Claude Cheysson, the French member of the European Commission in charge of development aid policy, Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister and Hans Apel, the West German Finance Minister, the group is planning to sail a European entry in this autumn's round the world yacht race.

Named the "Treaty of Rome" to commemorate the founding of the EEC 20 years ago, the 51-foot aluminium sloop will be crewed by a mixed bag of young, non-professional yachtsmen from different member states.

The organizers see the venture, which they are calling "Sail for Europe", as a model of European cooperation of the kind they would like to see at a political level among member governments.

They are keeping their fingers crossed, however, that the symbolism of the long hazardous sea voyage will fall short of some of the less attractive aspects of Community life in Brussels.

Squabbles among crew members along national lines will, the organizers hope, be averted and the course completed successfully. Failure to reach the finishing line would be particularly inauspicious at a time when the Community is celebrating an important birthday.

Lire luggage

A court hearing at San Remo tomorrow should throw light on one of the stranger cases of alleged violation of foreign exchange regulations to come up in Italy in recent years.

Carlo Aloisi, 69, of Rome, is accused of trying to take promissory notes, to the reported value of 2,700m lire (about £1.8m), illegally out of the country.

Not that there is anything unusual about currency smuggling out of Italy. On the contrary, the chronic lack of confidence of Italians in the political and economic outlook at home has resulted in thousands of millions of lire finding its way illegally abroad over the years.

But Aloisi is deputy chairman of Istituto Bancario Italiano, one of the biggest private banks and part of the empire of the cement king Carlo Pesenti.

The promissory notes were found in Aloisi's briefcase when he tried to cross the frontier just before the new year on his way to Monte Carlo, where he has local banking interests.

In any event, the view is echoed in the Italian press that there is more behind the case than has yet come out.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Optimism about gilts likely to be short-term

The sight of gilt prices scurrying ahead on Friday in response to the Government's tap stock successes and the MLR cut, must have been the source of some satisfaction for analysts at Kemp-Gee & Co.

For the firm in its latest monthly review had disagreed strongly with the widely held opinion that the gilt market's recovery of recent weeks was unlikely to go much further.

Kemp-Gee is in fact particularly bullish about gilts on a view of six months or so, while remaining distinctly dubious about the equally widely supported view that prospects will be much brighter in the second half of the year thanks to North Sea oil benefits.

"That the latter months of this year may look good—at least within the narrow confines of the gilt market—is quite possible but we prefer at this stage to keep that possibility in mind as a hypothesis only", the firm says.

Meanwhile, it says nothing fundamental has happened in the United Kingdom nor under the present Government is any fundamental change in prospect such as to hold out any hope of a change in the relative decline of the economy which has been proceeding over the greater part of the post-war era.

Pointing out that what changes in policy there have been represent only the reluctant reactions of a government forced against its inclinations to take some cognizance of the

Brokers' views

facts of the real world, Kemp-Gee says: "It is easy to see why we are unwilling to commit ourselves to a market view which goes beyond a few months."

Over in equities, Panmure Gordon & Co see little sign of any decisive turning point in prices. Pointing out with the latest edition of their Cyclical Indicators that there may be some scope for a short term correction following the recent strong gains, Panmure however suggests that any fall should be limited by the favourable trend in interest rates.

At the same time it declares: "Until the stock market sees both inflation and the balance of payments under control there is little likelihood of a sustained upward movement in equity prices."

Profit-takers pounced on GEC on Friday after the long-awaited announcement of the group's capital reconstruction plans but de Zoete & Bevan strongly recommends purchases of the shares.

De Zoete says that the 1977-78 income of investors who retain the issued Floating Rate Capital Notes 1986 will increase from 6p to an estimated 10.63p gross. Stripping out the notes at par the shares will yield nearly a quarter more than before and the relative rating will fall to a discount on the market average prospective p/e ratio.

Anticipating a technical reaction when the reconstruction was announced—the shares had risen 21 per cent more than the market in the previous three months—de Zoete says that technical factors may work in the opposite direction when dealings start in the notes. Then some holders may sell the notes to reinvest in the ordinary.

Expecting GEC's ambitious plans for overseas expansion to enhance the shares' attraction de Zoete says that it believes the company's record and prospects justify a premium rating.

Wood, Mackenzie stands on neutral ground in its latest *Bank Annual*. With a relatively unfavourable outlook for earnings next year it suggests advantage should be taken to lighten holdings on any marked relative strength on the lead up to the 1976 results from London clearers.

At the same time, however, it says that after the sustained weakness of the shares over the past three years a plausible case can now be made for rebuilding portfolios should the sector relative fall back below a level of approximately 80 per cent of the FT-A 500 Index from the recent mid-80s level.

Wood, Mackenzie reckons Barclays currently offers the greatest attractions of the "Big Four" while National and Commercial is preferred to Scottish rival Bank of Scotland.

Richard Allen

Thorn ends a week of second line stocks

TODAY, Interims—AVP Ind: Owen & Robinson, RFD GRF Second Great Northern Inv Wellman Eng. Finals—Brai: Grp, SGB Grp.

TOMMOROW, Interims—Butte field-Harvey, City of Londo Brew, Hogg Robinson Gr International Timber Joh son-Richards (H & R), Jone Stroud Hldgs, Leaderflus Scottish Homes Inv. Finals- Bakers Household Stores, Ir Capital Tst, McMullen & Son Tollemache & Cobbold Brew

Results this weel

WEDNESDAY, Interims - Brown & Tawse, Grange Ts Hollas Grp, Raybeck, Scottis & Newcastle Brew, Stock Co version & Inv Tst, Somport Hldgs, Tridant Grp Printer Finals—Bett Brothers, Flex lo Castors & Wheels, M Corquodale, M & G Dual Ts Nash JF Sec, Weyburn Eng.

THURSDAY, Interims—Ea wood JB, ERF, Halma, Stro Riley. Finals—Barr AG, E China Clay, Hickson & Welc Kenning Motor Grp, Le Foundries, M & G Grp, Mi land.

FRIDAY, Interims—Capital Counties Property, Cray El tronics, Thorn Electrical In Finals—Leyland Paint Wallpaper, Turner Manuf turing.

Kelsey's chief pleased but not satisfied

Many chairmen would be satisfied with a jump in pre-tax profits from £978,600 to a peak £1,653,957; but not Mr John Moss of Kelsey Industries.

In his annual review for the year to September 30, he is naturally pleased with it. However he adds quickly that the gain reflects inflation, and does little more than show modest real progress on 1973's profits of £869,702.

Nor does he minimize special factors. Among them were the dry winter and exceptional summer for the contracting company; and soaring metal values and the slide in sterling for the solders business.

Finally reorganization has now brought the economies expected, particularly in overheads.

At half time the chairman found it impossible to say what the financial year would bring because orders were then below capacity in all divisions.

But then business picked up and Kelsey made more in the second half year than in the first. Exports and overseas accounted for half the sales of manufactured goods into more than 100 countries in all five continents.

Mr Moss says he is no better equipped to foretell than at this time last year.

He adds that order books are still short. Much depends on customers prosperity. Growing electronics imports from the Far East and the massive cuts planned in telephone equipment could hurt the solder business. Happily, the balance sheet is strong and ungeared.

Kelsey makes and sells solder, soldering and audio accessories, sealants and mastic compounds. It is also an industrial roofing and insulation contractor.

Brentnall Beard big push from abroad

Leading United Kingdom insurance broker Brentnall Beard (Holdings) shows in its annual report that 60 per cent of the £603,000 pre-tax profit for 1975-76, announced a month ago, was earned abroad.

Mr Fred Beard, chairman, says that the group's international growth has come chiefly from Canada, Singapore and Malaysia. A new outlet in the United States has also made a profitable start. This company, Brentnall Beard Inc, was set up two months before the September 30 year-end and no figures have been included.

The underwriting agency produced higher profits for the 1973 account than expected. While the 1974 account is not likely to be as good as 1973's, a "satisfactory" result is still foreseen.

Ward White jubilant as it returns to the seven figure profit league

After a million pound step into profits from losses in the half year to June 30 the Ward White footwear and engineering group has "returned to the seven figure profit league". So says Mr Philip Burch, managing director.

Shoe slump and dear money pulled down the pre-tax profits from £1.78m to £1.32m in 1974 and in the six months to June 30, 1975, they vanished, with losses of £645,000 appearing instead. But the second half year saw the group turn the corner.

The latest half year to June 30 saw profits of £437,000 and it is with these in mind that Mr Birch now talks of continuing second half recovery and seven figure profits.

Unemployment, pay curbs and inflation may cut the amount of money spent on boots and shoes "but Ward White is in a good position to profit from even a reduced market".

At half time the group's sweeping gains were put down to streamlining, and growth abroad. At home business was still bleak and Mr George McWatters talked of imports and slump.

But at the weekend Mr Birch was able to tell John White Branded Footwear salesmen at Higham Ferrars, Northamptonshire: "You have all the components of a good selling year".

Erskine House deal

Erskine House Investment Trust has signed a conditional agreement to buy Scotia Bureaux. It runs a bureau de change in Central London. The price is £460,000 cash. Erskine's shares roes 2p to 40p.

Net revenue attributable to Erskine's parent company shareholders for the half year to September 30 rose from £6,500 to £31,000. Earnings a share were 1.15p against 0.25p. The net asset value a share is 31.8p against 27.4p.

Redpath now owns Refined Syrups

Redpath Industries, in which Tate & Lyle is the major shareholder, has bought all the shares of Refined Syrups & Sugars of Yonkers, New York, formerly owned by Allen & Co and Denton Developments. Redpath now owns 100 per cent of the issued capital. It is expected that Tate & Lyle will soon buy a direct equity interest in Refined Syrups from Redpath.

Back into form at Fred Cooper

"The group is not without prospects for the future" is the New Year message to shareholders in Frederick Cooper (Holdings) from chairman Mr F. R. Cooper with the accounts for the 16 months to July 31, last.

A change in Government policy last year towards telephone exchange building meant that one subsidiary, Latham Manufacturing, lost more than half its monthly business. It is however developing other lines.

Cooper also suffered its first bad debts of any size when several building customers went under. So the group made a trading loss for the first time ever.

But the paint coating plant has gone into its stride: output at CM Steel Mills has risen strongly; Elwell Sections is heading for a good year; and a licensing deal allowing Norton (International) to make the group's patented nylon conveyor belts in the United States should bring in good royalties.

So the directors look forward with confidence to this year and "fully expect a return to satisfactory profitability."

Cooper is an industrial holding group in steel, components and capital equipment.

Avenue Close jumps

Rent reversions from the West End Properties and the inclusion of the Truro Development for the first time swelled rental income at Avenue Close by 70 per cent to £252,000 in the half year to September 30. Property dealing profits were only £2,000 against £23,000, but pre-tax profits for the six months doubled to £141,000. These were before adding £56,000 of extraordinary items from the sale of two investment properties.

There is again no interim dividend. But the board expects the year's total to be bigger than the 2.06p gross of last year.

D C Thomson more than doubles

Income after tax at D. C. Thomson, the Dundee-based printer and publisher, more than doubled to £2.85m in the year to March 31. Trading profits went up from £2.23m to £3.89m, and investment income was £1.85m against £1.72m. The dividend goes up from 27.16p gross to 29.76p.

The privately owned group publishes the *Evening Post & Telegraph*, the *Sunday Post*, as well as many children's comics including the *Beano* and *Dandy*.

Armstrong acquisition

In an agreed deal worth about £100,000 Armstrong Equipment is to buy T. R. Williams (Wolverhampton). *Williams is* a general motor factor. The newcomer will extend Armstrong's automotive components and equipment distribution network in the Midlands. The price is 271,000 Armstrong ordinary shares at 36 15/16p each. The vendors are taking cash and James Capel, Armstrong's broker, has placed the shares.

Crude spot price emerging after Opec split

New York, Jan 9.—Shock waves over the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' price split are starting to subside, and a tentative spot crude oil price pattern is in the making. *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* says would-be buyers and sellers are testing out their ideas, though few transactions have been clinched.

Big premiums of up to 30 cents a barrel have been offered by some buyers seeking lower-priced Saudi Arabian crude, while token 2 cent to 3 cent discounts are available from some sellers of higher priced Iranian and Kuwaiti crude.

Premium offers for Middle East crude have thus far been confined to Arabian light, with some buyers offering $12.40 a barrel (31 cents over the official $12.09 price). Premiums have not been offered yet on heavier Saudi Arabian crudes.

Discounts have surfaced on both Iranian heavy crude and Kuwaiti crudes. Iranian heavy crude is being quoted at $12.46 compared to its official $12.49 price, and Kuwaiti at $12.34 against its official $12.37.

Elson & Robbin on target for fine year

From Long Eaton, Nottir ham, Elson & Robbins chairm Mr Eric Keeling, who has mo than 10 per cent of the shar reports that the board hopes f another year of bigger sales a profits.

The accounts for the year September 30 show that Els did more than beat £1m befc tax in profits. It raised its p tax return on capital from 1 per cent in 1967 to 32 per cen more than doubled gross di dends; and nearly did the sa with net assets (to 40.5p).

The parent is the main pro earner with pre-tax profits £699,681; it benefited fro better metal division sales a motor industry recovery.

Domestic Industrial Pressin lost a big contract but it h successfully marketed a mobil bottled gas heater calle Première instead. Thomas I Webster is raising output of flu products; but Hufcor (Part tions) may need two year before it contributes usefully.

MACMILLAN BLOEDEL

Group, through MacMillan Jardine has taken stake in new forest industry venture in Malaysia being carried out by Lesong Forest Products Sdn Bhd. MacMillan Jardine has 30 per cent of Lesong's equity with Malaysian state and federal agencies holding majority.

New Life Business

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL

Last year new annual premiums under life assurance policies with Society amounted to record £7.1m (£6.1m). New sums assured £170.6m net (£156m). Single premiums and considerations for annuities £297,000 (£195,000). In ordinary branch new annual premiums £2.88m (£2.66m) securing sums assured of £107.5m (£100m). In Industrial Branch annual premiums £4.2m (£3.4m) and sums assured £63.1m (£56m). Special final bonus at £1.50 per cent extended for one year.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE

New premium income last year £53.1m (£43.9m). Immediate annuity considerations £3.7m (£3.1m). Sums assured £886m (£806m).

LIFE ASSOC OF SCOTLAND

In 1976 new annual premiums more than £2.8m (£2.25m). Single premiums over £1.6m (£1.5m). Benefits secured by these premiums are net sums assured of over £80m (£71m) and net annuities of over £6.1m (£5.6m).

ENGLISH INSURANCE

English Insurance wrote new life business in 1976 under which the net premium income was £5.64m (£5.36m) in addition to single premiums and immediate annuity considerations of £5.2m (£3.18m). The benefits secured included net sums assured of £376m (£375.9m), net deferred annuities pa of £12.43m (£11.18m), with equivalent capital values of £123.5m (£111.8m) and net immediate annuities pa of £920,000 (£480,000).

UK PROVIDENT

The United Kingdom Provident reports a record year for new business in 1976 with new premium income totalling £6.20m, an increase of 27 per cent over 1975. This secured total sums assured of £159.28m, an increase of 24 per cent. Annual premiums of £4.93m were 17 per cent up, including annual premium considerations for annuities of £1.50m (1975, £0.85m). Single premium considerations for annuities an £1.27m (1975, £0.64m). The tota number of policies written durin the year was 28,986, an increas of 9 per cent.

NATIONAL EMPLOYERS'

National Employers' Life Grou reports that new annual premiu income for 1976 exceeded £5.9 (£5.8m in 1975). These figures ar net of reassurance.

CO-OPERATIVE

The Co-operative Insuranc Society announces that in the li department the new premium i come was £19.2m in 1976 and th corresponding new sums assure amounted to £669m. The compar tive figure for 1975 new premiu income is £16.3m and for ne sums assured is £664m.

CONFEDERATION LIFE

The United Kingdom organiz tion of Confederation Life Insu ance (of Canada) reports that ne annual premiums for 1976 were £2.16m (£1.96m) and new sing premiums were: £445,9 (£257,400).

Business appointments

Mr J A Oliver is chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters

Mr J. A. Oliver has been elected chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters' Association.

Mr F. M. S. Johnson is to be the new chairman of the earthenware division of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons. He succeeds Mr E. James Johnson, a director of Wedgwood Ltd, who retires on March 31. Mr F. M. S. Johnson continues as managing director of the Johnson Brothers division of Josiah Wedgwood & Sons.

Mr Paul Amos and Mr Richard George become deputy managing directors of Weetabix. Mr Roy Richards has resigned.

Mr A. M. Goodman joins the board of Sangers Group as finance director.

Mr C. Anders Cohen and Mr Marti Pylkkanen have been made joint managing directors of A. Cohen. Mr Roger O. Cohen joins the board. Mr Robert N. Cohen has retired as managing director but remains chairman.

Mr John Mitchell has been appointed managing director of Bank America Finance.

Mr Lloyd Bankson, Mr William Dykes and Mr Jerome Goldstein have been elected executive directors of Citicorp International Bank.

The Earl of Lansborough has joined the board of Edward G. L. Carter & Co as deputy chairman.

Mr C. F. E. Shakerley has been made chairman of Provincial Insurance and Provincial Life Assurance. He succeeds his cousin, Mr Peter F. Scott, who becomes president of Provincial Insurance.

Sir John Bates, personnel director of Thomson Regional Newspapers, has retired. Mr Matthew Seales, a full-time director of TRN, now adds the personnel and public relations functions to his other responsibilities.

Mr R. C. Pavitt and Mr W. T. J. Lucas, have been made executive directors of Ravenseft Properties. Mr C. R. F. Gillespie, Mr D. J. Treagus and Mr D. F. Hubbard become executive directors of City of London Real Property.

Mr David Kleeman has been appointed a non-executive director of The Huntleigh Group.

Mr J. D. Griffiths has become a director of Nuclear Enterprises with responsibility for marketing.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York has promoted to vice-presidents Mr Charles C. Green III, Mr Peter Rugg and Mr Peter L. Woicke, all at the bank's London office.

Mr A. L. Gurney and Mr A. S. Martin become directors of Roy Bulmer.

Mr William Grosvenor has been made managing director of Osborne Marketing Communications, succeeding Mr Bruce Clark.

Freight report

Tanker rates crumbled immediately after the new year. Having conceded the cuts, though, owners were able to hold the slide as charterers attracted by the sharply lower rates showed much more willingness to hire ships.

But from the highs of world scale 34 ($5.7 per tonne) immediately before the new year break, rates on vlccs from the Gulf to Europe dropped to worldscale 25 ($4.03) with the even larger ulccs accepting as low as worldscale 22 ($3.54).

These drops, while anticipated, were disappointing. However, the number of tankers available for work during this month turned out to be much higher than had been expected, and owners were perhaps fortunate to stabilize the rate structure so quickly.

Although there is little hope of a higher rate over the next few weeks—in fact, rates could drop a few more points—the situation could be worse. Certainly, there was much more demand for period cover with most of the American oil companies seeking ships right through to vlcc size over terms of 12 months to three years.

This has been quite a busy sector of the market and could become even more active

Craig Howard

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INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Euromarkets

Eurobonds began 1977 on a m note, with the secondary rket overcoming a minor ut of profit-taking and under-iters reporting good demand issues now being syndicated, ites *AP-Dow Jones.*

Bondtrade's index of medium-m Eurobonds at midday on iday was 103.07, above the d-of-year high of 102.94 set the previous Friday. Bond-de's long and convertible lices were also above their ek-earlier levels.

One bond dealer said there l been an attempt at a "sell-" earlier in the week, but t this had failed partly ause there was a limited nber of new offerings being lerwritten.

ssues recently coming on to secondary market did well. mersley Holding's $40m of per cent medium-term notes, red at 99, were quoted on day at 100½-¾. The $60m ges Kommunalbank notes red last month at 99½ were g offered at par now.

ne underwriter said money flowing into proposed es. The floating rate issue Banque Nationale de Paris been increased to $0m from n, and managers of the k Handlowy issue an-nced that because of cess demand" the proposed of the floating rate issue the Polish bank had been increased to $35m from $30m.

The Bank Handlowy notes will have a five-year maturity, with interest calculated at ¾ percentage point above the six-month Eurodollar deposit rate (Libor), with a minimum return of 6¼ per cent for the first two years and 7 per cent for the remainder. Banque Nationale de Paris and American Express, Middle East Development Co, managing the issue, said the notes are priced at 97. The six-year Banque Nationale de Paris notes will carry a coupon ¼ point above Libor with a minimum of 5¾ per cent.

There were rumours of a considerable number of Canadian dollar issues about to come on the market, although a scheduled $C30m for Banque Canadienne Nationale has been withdrawn. The first one to be officially announced is a two-tranche issue totalling $80m for Bank of Canada. An underwriting group headed by Orion Bank is offering $C40m of notes due 1984 and a further $C40m due in 1992.

The issues are to be priced about January 19, and coupons of 8¾ per cent for the 1984 bonds and 9¼ per cent for the 1992 are envisaged.

In the Deutsche mark sector, Berliner Handel-und Frankfurter on Friday announced details of the DM100m issue it is managing for Sanko Steamship Company of Japan. The seven-year issue will have a 7 per cent coupon, and the issuing price is expected to be at a slight discount. Daiwa Bank is guaranteeing the issue.

robond prices (yields and premiums)

RAIGHTS

	Offer Price	Redptn Yld
9¼ 1988	106	8.72
o 8½ 1980	107½	6.08
o 8½ 1988	103	7.41
taine 10 1985	105	9.24
B 9¼ 1980	106½	7.50
of Tokyo 8½ 1981	105	7.29
lays 9½ 1982	106	7.99
Canada 8¾ 1986	106½	7.84
E 8¼ 1983	103	8.02
h Gas 9 1981	104	7.97
n Steel 8 1987	96	8.76
ury Schweppes 7¾ 0	88	9.45
9¾ 1986	105	8.52
g 1983	105½	7.78
bonnage de France 1981	103	8.04
Food 7¼ 1991	100	7.56
rao 8½ 1983	103½	8.62
rao 10¼ 1981	105½	8.95
lark Mge 9 1983	104	8.37
7¼ 1980	103½	7.66
urgh 9 1981	103	8.48
7½ 1979	102	7.06
8¼ 1982	103¼	7.54
9 1980	105½	7.42
9½ 1985	106	8.54
n Fin 83	94	9.97
n 10¼ 1985	100	[illegible]
8 Mar. 1986	105	7.32
c 8½ 1987	101½	8.10
d 9¾ 1983	105	8.62
dian Royal 8 1987	90½	9.61
& Western 9¾ 1980	108	7.24
& Western 9¾ 1982	107	7.75
ey 9¾ 1982	107	8.25
ey 9¼ 1991	106	8.58
real 9¾ 1983	101½	8.40
real 9¾ 1981	105	8.60
nal Coal Board 8¾ 86	96	9.33
nal Westminster 9 96	103	8.61
oundland & Labra- r 9¾ 1983	106½	8.78
Zealand 9 1980	106¼	7.08
Zealand 9¼ 1982	106½	7.90
Zealand 8¼ 1983	106½	7.33
on Fudosan 10¼ 80	106	8.16
on Steel 9¾ 1980	105½	7.90
k Hydro 9½ 1986	106	8.61
k Hydro 9¾ 1985	107	8.64
ipe 9¼ 1986	105	8.53
lental 9¾ 1981	106½	7.99
lental 9¾ 1985	106	8.62
oed 9 1982	106	7.67
oc Prov 8½ 1981	104	7.51
ec Prov 9 1983	103	8.46
ec Prov 9 1984	103½	8.43
on 7½ 1987	102	7.29
ng & Bates 9½ 1981	105	8.20
nk 9¾ 1986	101	8.93
aff 7½ 1990	97	7.92

	Offer Price	Redptn Yld
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	105	8.02
Seagrams 9 1983	106½	7.75
Skandanaviska 10¼ 1981	106½	8.71
Statsforetag 9¼ 1980	105	7.82
Sunstrand 9¾ 1983	104	8.79
Svenska 9½ 1986	105½	8.45
Toyo Menka 9¾ 1981	104	8.25
	Offer Price	Redptn Yld
DM BONDS		
CFP 8½ 1985	105½	7.69
Denmark 9½ 1989	108	8.26
ICI 8¾ 1982	105¾	7.30
Mexico 9 1982	103	8.42
National Westminster 8 1988	103	7.67
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8½ 1983	105¾	7.37
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1988	105	7.18
$ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	86½	20.1
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	102½	3.8
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	123	par
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	121½	par
Borden 5 1992	107½	1.5dis
Borden 6¾ 1991	117½	1.5dis
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	81	69.1
Carnation 4 1987	80½	22.5
Chevron 5 1992	127	1.5dis
Credit Suisse 4¼ 1991	105	8.94
Cummins 6¼ 1986	103½	20.9
Dart 4¾ 1987	91	60.9
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	104	17.8
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	79	43.3
Federated Dept Stores 4¼ 1985	116	1.7dis
Ford 5 1988	95½	8.7
Ford 6 1986	102	6.6
Gillette 4¾ 1987	81¼	103.1
Gould 5 1987	115½	46.6
General Electric 4¼ 1987	90½	36.5
Gulf and Western 5 1988	97½	5.0
Harris 5 1987	101	4.9
Honeywell 6 1986	89	124.6
ITT 4½ 1987	85½	56.6
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	130	1.7dis
J P Morgan 4¼ 1987	100½	1.2
Nabisco 5½ 1988	105½	5.5
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	117	par
J C Penney 4½ 1987	84½	39.9
Raymond 8½ 1983	111	2.9
Revlon 4¾ 1987	113	1.5
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	96	21.1
Squibb 4¼ 1987	83½	65.0
Texaco 4½ 1988	84	34.7
Union Bank of Switzerland 5 1981	111½	15.04
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	107½	1.0
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	87	33.0
Xerox Corp 5 1988	83½	114.0

DM=Deutschmark issue
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

ekly list of fixed interest stocks

	Latest price	Prev week
& Wilson 7¼ Deb -90	54	54½*
Pty Hldgs 8½ Ln -97	41	41
Brew 6¾ Db '87-	48¾	48¾
7¾ Ln '93-98	81	51
ab 7¾ Deb '90-95	51	51*
Foods 5½ Ln '87 02	16½p	19p
Elec 6 Deb '78-	67½	66
6¾ Deb '86-91	52*	49¾*
Cement 7 Deb '88-	63	62½
9 Deb '92-97	61½	61½
7¾ Deb '90-95	52½	50½*
Int 6¾ Deb '81-	66¾	56¾
9 Tonnage '88	68½	68½
of Ireland 7 Ln 91	49	49
ays Bk 8¼ '86-93	58½	56½
ays Int 7½ Ln 91	66	66
Char 3¼ Ln '87-	33	33
7¾ Ln '92-97	51	51
8¼ Deb '87-92	60½	59
am 6¼ Ln '78-83	65½	64½
8½ Ln '84-94	67½	67½
10½ Deb '94-99	66	66*
Qual 7½ Ln '87-	52¾	51
6 Ln '78-83	64½	62*
7¾ '88-93	55	55
8 Deb '88-93	54¼	54¼*
Im Tob 7 Ln '82-	72	72
eveland 6 '98-2003	28	28½
7½ Ln '87-92	39½	37
Ln '98-2003	38	36
Petrol 6 Deb '74-	87¾	87¾*
Shoes 7 '80-82	72	72½*
e Bond 5½ Ln -08	31½	31½*
7 2003-08	43½	43½
ah Oil 6½ Ln -81	64*	64
8½ Ln '91-96	41½*	44½
7½ Ln '81-86	45	45½*
n Gp 9¾ Ln '98- 3	59¼	59¾
ry-Schweppe 8¼ '94-2004	51¾	51¾
9 '88-93	61½	60¼
Patons 4½ Ln 02-07	36	38*
7½ '90-95	50	47½*
ge 6⅞ Ln 2004-	49½*	40*
8 2nd Deb '89-94	56*	56*
aulds 6½ Ln '94-	43⅞	43¼
7 '82-87	61½	60¼
7¾ Deb '89-94	56½	55½
hams 6¾ 2nd	44½	44½
6½ Ln '84-91	48	48
7¼ Ln 2002-07	43½*	43½*
ors 7¼ Ln '88-93	52½	50½
o 6¾ 2nd Deb -90	51½	51½
7 Ln '87-92	50½	50½
h Elec 6 Deb -85	61½	61½
6 Deb '77-80	76¼	76¼
6¼ 2nd Deb -90	49	49
er 6 Ln '83-88	58½	58½

	Latest Price	Prev week
Gen Acc 7¾ '92-97	49½	49½*
GEC 7¼ '87-92	56½	56
Do 7¾ Ln '88-93	56	56
Glaxo 7¾ '85-95	26p	26p
Glynwed 10¾ Ln '94-99	68	67¾
GUS 5¾ Ln	31½	31½*
Do 7½ Ln '83-88	59	58
Do 8¼ Ln '93-98	55	52½*
Hawker Sid 7¼ Deb '87-92	54½	52*
ICI 5½ Ln '94-2004	34	35½*
Do 7¼ Ln '86-91	54½	54½*
Do 8 '88-93	56½*	55*
Imperial Gp Ln '75-80	72¾	71½
Do 7½ 2004-09	47	47½
Do 10½ Ln '90-95	69½*	69¾
Initial Services 8 Ln '88-93	54¾	54¾
Int Stores 7½ Ln 2003-08	49½	49½
Laporte 10¾ Deb '94-99	68	65
Land Secs 8½ 1992-97	54	53½
Lewis's Inv Trst 6½ 2nd '85-90	52½	50
Lucas Ind 7¾ '83-88	63½	60¾
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	43½	43½
Metal Box 10½ Ln '92-97	70½	68½
Midland Bank 10¾ Ln '93-98	70	70¾*
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1993	66½	64½*
Ranks Hovis 6½ Ln '76-81	73	69½
Do 6½ Ln '85-88	53¾	52
Reckitt & Col 6¾ Deb '85-90	55¾	54½
Reed Int 7¼ Deb '90-95	48¾*	48¾*
Renold 7¾ Ln '92-97	51½	51½
Reyrolle Parsons 7¾ Ln '88-93	54	51½
Rugby Port Cem 6 1993-98	38	38*
Do 7¾ Ln '93-98	44½	44½*
Sainsbury (J.) 7¾ Deb '87-92	55	55
Scot-Newcastle 6¾ Deb	62½	62½
Do 7½ Deb '89-94	54	54½
Slater Walker 9 Loan '91-96	40½	40½*
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	53½*	56½
Smith (W. H.) 5½ Ln	39½*	39*
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	68½	68½
Do 7¼ Deb '84-89	55½	55½
Tate & Lyle 7¼ Deb '89-94	52	51¾
Thomson Org 3 Deb '64-94	45	45*
Do 7¼ Ln '87-92	40½	40½*
Tilling (T.) 8½ Ln '89-94	56¾	57
Tootal 4½ Perp Deb	26	26*
Do 6¾ '86-90	50½	50½*
Truman Ltd 7¼ Deb '88-93	51	51
Do 10¾ Deb '91-96	69½	69½
Tube Invest 9 Ln '89-94	53	53*
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	53¾	53¾*
UDS 7½ Deb '85-90	53½	53½
Do 10¼ Deb '89-94	67½	67½
Unigate 6½ Ln '91-96	46	45½
Do 7¾ Deb '86-91	53¾	53¾*
Unilever 6¾ Deb '85-88	58½	57
Watney 7½ Ln '94-99	49	47½
Do 8 Ln '90-95	53½	53½
Whitbread 7¼ Ln '95-99	48¾	48¾
Do 7¾ Ln '96-2000	50*	48¾*
S CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 8 '89-94	82	76½*
AB Foods 7½ '91-2004	143	130
BPB 7¾ '89-94	67	67
Bowring C. T. 5 1981	74	74*
Brit Petrol 6 '76-80	75½	75*
Britains 10½ '91-96	56	57*
Grand Met 10 '91-96	80½	74½
Guest Keen 6¾ 1985	80½	77½
Hepworth Ceram 7½ 1977	93	93*
Ind and Gen 4½ '94-99	80	76
Lucas Ind 6½ 1980	97	94½
MEPC 5 '89-94	51	49
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	70½	66*
Ready Mixed 8½ 1978	90	90*
Romney Tst 4¾ '73-98	72	69*
Stock Conv 5½ 1984	170	163¼
Temple Bar 5¾ '85-90	62	62*
Trust Hse For 5½ '83	85	85

*Ex dividend.

Bank Base Rates

arclays Bank ..	14%
onsoldtd Credits	14%
irst London Secs	14%
. Hoare & Co ..	*14%
loyds Bank	14%
idland Bank ..	14%
at Westminster ..	14%
ossminster Acc's	14%
enley Trust	16%
'illiams & Glyn's	14%

7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 11½%, up to £25,000, 11¾%, over £25,000, 11¾%.

More share prices

The following will be added to the London and Regional Share Price List tomorrow and will be published daily in Business News:

Commercial & Industrial
Redman Heenan

Record year for diamond sales should make De Beers sparkle

Record sales in the region of US$1,500m (about £883m) for 1976 are due to be reported by the Central Selling Organization, the marketing arm of De Beers.

The result is likely to be around 12 per cent ahead of the previous record of US$1,331m achieved in 1973 which was followed by two years of steadily falling sales.

By any standard, last year's sales were good but they are even better when it is remembered that it was not a particularly euphoric year and that the much vaunted world economic recovery proved to be somewhat elusive.

On sales of $1,500m (a $50m margin of error either side would be acceptable for while that is a large sum by normal standards it only represents about 3 per cent on my projection), the second-half would be chipping in about $716m, a small decline on the first half's £784m.

However, translated through to De Beers, the second half is likely to show a larger contribution than the first half on the diamond account. The general trend is for the sale of stones from producers outside the De Beers camp to be bunched more heavily in the first half with the result that De Beers gets higher margins in the second half as more of its own stones are sold.

At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were 75 per cent ahead of the depressed figures for the same period in 1975 at R251m. For the whole of 1976 profits of perhaps R520m are in sight, which would represent an increase of about 80 per cent on the previous year's R286m. (The actual profit figure will obviously depend not just on the level of sales of De Beers' own diamonds but also the mix of diamonds sold.)

After allowing for effects of the Namibian tax change this could produce earnings per share of about 85 cents (57p) to give a prospective p/e ratio of 3.6 at 206p. After the interim dividend increase from 8 cents to 12.5 cents, a total distribution of 35 cents (23.6p) is possible compared with 28 cents in 1975 to give a yield of 11 per cent. (The distribution may be nearer 33 cents bearing in mind the capital expenditure required for mining developments.)

For a company of the stature of De Beers, the market rating given to the shares provides the classic illustration of the political risk that now attaches to South African investments. With perhaps 40 per cent of its shares in overseas hands there is a large potential overhang on the market if worries over South Africa get any worse.

Mining

On the other hand, a p/e ratio of around 3½ is about as low as you can get, and with the Dow Jones Index forecast to go through 1,100 and with the profit figures still to come, there is considerable upside potential, while the downside risk is limited.

TANKS

After all the excitement surrounding Tanganyika Concessions last year, the shares are now likely to be somewhat pedestrian performers since Société Générale de Belgique has apparantly achieved what it wanted to do—acquire 29.9 per cent of Tanks.

Following the agreement of Elbar Industrial shareholders (those few who bothered to turn up to the extraordinary general meeting last Friday), Société Générale has acquired part of the Elbar holding in Tanks to bring its total holding to just under the mandatory bid level.

Mr Alexander Hood, chairman of both Tanks and Elbar, told me last week that as far as he was aware Société Générale was content to sit with 29.9 per cent in Tanks and would not be launching a bid.

Société Générale was in the market last year for Tanks shares but pulled out after it became too well known. It is buying the Tanks shares from Elbar at 150p each, which is considerably below the price of some of the purchases made in the market last year and compares with Friday's closing price at 154p.

The key to Société Générale's operation was, apparently, to secure the barricades around Union Minière, in which it is the major shareholder, to make it virtually bid proof. Union Minière is the jewel in the Société Générale empire, but with Tanks having 17.6 per cent of the equity.

Therefore, to make sure that a would-be predator did not start stalking Union Minière through Tanks, Société Générale took the precaution of acquiring an effective blocking holding in Tanks.

Now we have a nice interlocking triangle, so beloved of the mining industry.

Selection Trust

A spot of profit-taking emerged on Friday to cut Selection Trust's share price by 5p to 470p, but even so the shares were still showing a gain of 20p on the week as a result of the very encouraging drilling results from Teutonic Bore.

To all intents and purposes, ST now has a new mine, although the company is not allowing itself to be carried away by the results and further drilling and metallurgical work is continuing. It is conceivable that the go-ahead for development of a mine could come this year.

Although Selection has an ambitious development programme, not too much should be made of possible financing strains, at least as far as Teutonic is concerned. Raising the finance for a high grade, open pit operation in Australia is a considerably different matter to trying to get it for a project in, says Zaire. Additionally it will be a relatively low cost operation and will produce an early positive cash flow.

The shares should continue to perform well.

Desmond Quigley

Mixed feelings on US consumer call for coffee drinking boycott

Getting under way in New York is a campaign against high coffee prices with a call by the Consumer Affairs Department to stop drinking coffee for one week and thereafter cut intake by one half.

Quick results are not expected. Ms Elinor Guggenheimer, New York City Commissioner for Consumer Affairs, estimates that it will take three months for the boycott to take effect, although it is already reported to be spreading to Boston and Ohio and other states have pledged support.

The Consumer Affairs Department has said that in the New York metropolitan area the retail price of vacuum packed coffee has risen recently by four cents a lb, to an average of $2.59 a lb.

The department expects further increases in the retail price because, it says, some beans are being sold on the commodity markets for about $3.20 a lb and, in time, these expensive beans will reach the consumer.

According to the coffee trade in New York, the call for a boycott has caused coffee consumers to increase their purchases because it has been coupled with a warning of still higher prices in the near future.

Nor has the campaign met with universal approval. Mr George E. Boecklin, president of the National Coffee Association, does not support it. He has said that consumers are sufficiently intelligent to know when they wish to drink coffee.

A supporter is Congressman Fred Richmond, New York Democrat, who said in a television debate on coffee prices that he believed that some producer countries were working together to push up prices throughout the world.

Certain Latin American countries, including Brazil, had taken advantage of natural disasters to impose unfair export taxes on their coffee.

Taxes were supposed to help growers badly affected by the 1975 Brazilian frosts and earthquakes and floods in other parts of Latin America. But he doubted whether growers were receiving full benefit from the taxes.

Commodities

Congressman Richmond's assertions were disputed by Mr Boecklin, who said that he did not know of any instances where growing countries were conspiring on prices.

Roasters in West Germany have expressed scepticism about the impact of the United States consumer boycott. They have said that they are raising their prices by up to eight per cent from the middle of this month. Trade sources think that further increases are inevitable this year.

They note that prices in Germany have risen by between a quarter and a third since the Brazilian frost damage, but say that by no means all of the extra cost to the roasters has been passed on to the consumer, making it a certainty that prices will go up again this year.

Meanwhile Señor Camillo Calazans, president of the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC) has made new predictions about Brazil's next coffee crop, Reuter reports.

He tentatively expects the 1977-78 crop, which will start being harvested in July, to total 13m to 14m 60-kilo bags. Earlier a crop of around 15m bags had been suggested. Señor Calazans would not confirm a Rio de Janeiro press report that the crop would total 15m bags. He said that the IBC would be publishing its first 1977-78 crop forecast shortly and it was premature to make any firm estimates.

There was no new factor to influence the lower crop ideas, but from the information he had from the interior, the crop was unlikely to reach 15m bags.

Regarding the amount of coffee Brazil could export during calendar 1977, he said that about 12m bags would be an appropriate amount. However, this was based on the earlier expectations of 15m bags and if the lower ideas were confirmed, the export situation could become tighter.

He confirmed that Brazil had started this calendar year with stocks estimated at 20m bags, made up of eight million in IBC stocks and about 12m in private hands. The estimate for private hands was based on IBC financing and included coffee already sold but unshipped.

Apparently the IBC will not suspend export sale registries to safeguard supplies for the home market and traditional overseas buyers, according to *Latin American Commodities Report.* Other measures will be used to keep exports within the 1976-77 coffee year target of 12m bags. These include further use of the export tax mechanism and minimum prices to force Brazilian coffee to ever more uncompetitive levels.

Because the Brazilian coffee market is an open one, the IBC's export control options are limited to putting financial pressure on exporters to cut back sales, which is why Señor Calazans has ruled out an exports ban.

New traders in sugar

Gill & Duffus Group and Jardine, Matheson & Co have announced that Jardine, Gill & Duffus (UK), a company recently formed in London to operate on an international basis as traders in sugar, has commenced trading.

Directors of the new company are: Mr R. G. McFall (chairman); Mr J. G. Curtis; Mr E. G. Pearson; Mr G. C. Snowden and Mr B. M. Teal. Mr McFall is vice-chairman of Gill & Duffus Group and Mr Curtis is a director of Matheson & Co, the London company of Jardine Matheson.

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Commodities Editor

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 365.3 + 10.6 (3%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Current Bid	Current Offer	Current Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers, 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
23.9	+0.5	Abbey Capital	22.9	24.4	4.66
35.5	+0.6	Abbey General	33.9	36.1	4.66
29.4	+0.8	Do Income	28.4	30.2	6.62
27.4	+0.8	Do Invest	26.5	28.2	4.66
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd, 34 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
57.4	+0.9	Alben Trust (3)	54.2	58.3e	4.06
47.9	+0.6	Do Inc (3)	45.1	48.5e	6.86
		Allied Hambro Group, Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.8	+1.5	Allied Capital	50.8	54.3	6.46
50.2	+1.2	Do 1st	48.1	51.4	5.99
47.8	+1.4	Brit Ind 2nd	46.1	49.2e	7.03
27.3	+0.9	Growth & Inc	25.4	26.2e	6.77
23.7	+0.6	Elec & Ind Dev	22.9	24.3	6.99
32.3	+0.6	Met Min & Cmdty	30.8	32.9	6.71
44.9	+2.5	High Income	43.4	46.4	8.19
28.2	+1.0	Equity Income	27.3	29.2	8.22
26.0	..	International	24.3	26.0	2.71
43.9	+1.7	HighYieldFnd	42.7	45.6	10.63
78.0	+2.1	Hambro Fnd	75.0	80.1e	6.66
38.1	+2.4	Do Income	37.9	40.5	8.02
51.9	+2.1	Do Recovery	50.6	54.0e	7.87
17.2	+0.8	Do Smaller	16.9	18.0e	8.61
84.8	+2.0	Do Accum	84.8	90.6	[illegible]
24.1	+1.1	2nd Smaller	23.6	25.2	8.53
56.5	−0.4	Secs of America	52.5	56.1e	1.90
35.5	−0.3	Pacific Fnd	33.2	35.5e	2.81
45.5	+1.0	Overseas Fnd	43.5	46.5e	5.11
128.3	..	Exempt Fnd	127.9	129.3	7.99
		Arbuthnot Securities Ltd, 37 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BY 01-236 5281			
32.4	..	Giants	29.8	32.4	4.01
35.9	+0.4	Do Accum	33.7	36.3e	4.01
26.7	−0.6	Growth	24.0	26.1e	4.01
29.9	..	Do Accum	27.5	29.9e	4.01
32.9	−1.2	High Income	29.4	31.7	13.00
40.1	−0.2	Do Accum	37.1	39.9e	13.00
21.7	+0.2	E & Int Acc (2)	20.0	21.9	2.00
18.5	+0.2	6% W'draw (2)	17.2	18.7	2.00
24.7	..	Compound (1)	22.7	24.7	9.60
32.5	..	Do Accum (1)	29.9	32.5	9.60
24.9	..	8% W'draw (1)	22.9	24.9	9.60
24.4	−0.8	Arbuthnot Pref	22.0	22.8	13.62
32.1	+0.2	Do Accum (1)	30.0	32.3	13.62
13.6	+0.3	Cap (2)	14.5	15.9	..
21.9	+0.5	Secur Ldrs (3)	20.3	22.4	5.54
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.1	+0.8	G & A	24.2	25.9e	5.96
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd, 16 Finsbury Circus, EC2M 7DD 01-628 8131			
63.0	+1.1	GT Cap	60.3	64.1	3.40
73.0	+1.3	Do Accum	69.8	74.3	3.40
111.8	+0.5	Do Income	105.6	112.3	9.40
140.6	−2.1	Do US Gen Fnd	130.2	138.5	3.10
265.0	−2.0	Do Japan Gen	247.7	263.0	0.70
132.6	..	Do Pension Ex	126.3	132.6	2.30
113.9	+0.1	International	107.2	114.0	1.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers, 2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
27.6	−0.2	American Tst ‡	25.5	27.4e	2.29
35.0	+0.3	Gartmore Brit.	32.8	35.3	4.46
114.9	+2.2	Capital	109.4	117.1e	3.58
77.3	+1.9	Do Int Exempt	73.6	79.1	6.28
30.2	+0.1	Far Eastern	28.2	30.3	1.21
38.5	−1.2	High Income	36.9	39.7	11.55
47.1	+1.6	Income	45.5	48.9	9.48
12.60	−0.11	Ins Agencies	£11.64	12.49e	4.68
31.0	−0.6	International ‡	28.3	30.4e	1.64
		Grieveson Management Co Ltd, 59 Gresham St, EC2P 2DS. 01-606 4433			
160.6	+5.5	Barrington Fnd	158.6	166.1	5.69
166.2	+5.8	Do Accum	164.2	172.0	5.69
115.9	−4.5	High Yield	114.9	120.4	9.81
122.7	−4.6	Do Accum	121.7	127.5	9.81
170.6	+2.5	Endeavour	165.3	173.1e	4.50
172.3	+2.6	Do Accum	167.0	174.9	4.50
102.6	−2.1	Grantchester (5)	95.9	100.5e	3.47
103.6	−2.1	Do Accum	96.9	101.5	3.47
66.5	+1.4	Ldn & Brussels	64.9	67.9e	5.09
67.5	+1.3	Do Accum	65.8	68.8	5.03
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd, Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-661 1031			
65.8	+0.9	Guardhill	65.4	66.7	5.20
		Henderson Administration, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
31.8	+0.6	Aust Trst	30.4	32.4	5.06
63.1	+0.2	Cabot	59.5	63.3	6.00
27.6	+0.4	Cap Accum	26.3	28.0	4.17
32.2	+0.5	European	30.7	32.7	4.16
66.7	−1.9	Far East Trst	62.5	66.8	2.05
19.3	+0.5	Financial ITU	18.6	19.8	4.48
115.2	..	Henderson Gr*	110.2	115.2	4.56
37.6	+1.6	High Income	36.7	39.2	11.45
22.4	+0.9	Inc & Assets	21.8	23.2	6.94
23.2	+0.1	International	23.8	25.3	5.34
44.6	−0.7	Nth American	41.0	43.9	4.00
23.4	+0.1	Oil & Nat Res	22.1	23.5	5.92

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Jan 4. Dealings End, Jan 14. § Contango Day, Jan 17. Settlement Day, Jan 25.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
380m	Treas	6½%	1977	98¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅛	6.319	13.106
100m	Elec	3%	1974-77	98⅛	+⅛	3.055	13.598
600m	Treas	11½%	1977	99⅜	+⅛	11.620	12.932
875m	Treas	3%	1977	93¾	–⅛	3.211	11.322
242m	Trans	4%	1972-77	95⅛	–⅛	4.205	9.829
1500m	Treas	9%	1978	95¾	+⅛	9.400	13.029
500m	Treas	10½%	1978	97⅞	•+⅛	10.735	12.169
400m	Exch	5%	1976-78	91⅛	+⅛	5.486	10.822
650m	Treas	3%	1979	85⅛	+⅛	3.523	9.399
900m	Treas	11½%	1979	95⅞	+⅛	11.966	13.746
275m	Elec	4¼%	1974-79	85½	+⅛	4.970	10.540
1200m	Treas	10½%	1979	93⅛	+1⅛	11.274	13.506
250m	Elec	3½%	1976-79	85⅛	+⅛	4.106	9.542
1000m	Treas Cnv	9%	1980	89	+1⅛	10.113	13.410
1100m	Treas	9½%	1980	89⅛	+1⅛	10.587	12.410
400m	Fund	5½%	1978-80	85⅞	+⅛	6.259	11.020
202m	Treas	3½%	1977-80	83⅝	+⅛	4.185	9.140
800m	Exch	13%	1980	97⅞	+⅛	13.323	13.819
600m	Treas	11½%	1981	93½	•+1⅛	12.300	13.659
483m	Treas	3½%	1979-81	79⅛	•	4.412	9.769
500m	Treas	9¾%	1981	87⅞	+1⅛	11.085	13.612
861m	Treas	8¼%	1980-82	84½	•+1⅛	10.051	12.757
400m	Treas	3%	1982	73⅛	•	4.063	9.673
600m	Treas	14%	1982	103⅛	+1⅛	13.853	13.717
500m	Treas	12%	1983	97⅞	+2	12.806	13.541
500m	Fund	5½%	1982-84	74⅛	•+1⅛	7.404	10.819
600m	Treas	8¼%	1984-86	79⅛	+1⅛	10.741	12.302
359m	Fund	6½%	1985-87	68⅞	+1⅛	9.669	12.167
500m	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	70⅞	•+2	10.940	12.745
1052m	Trans	3%	1978-88	50⅛	+1⅛	5.914	10.497
399m	Treas	5%	1986-89	55½	+1⅛	9.208	12.127
600m	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	69	+1⅞	12.066	13.374
600m	Treas	13%	1990	92⅛	•+2⅛	14.083	14.318
400m	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	55⅛	+1½	10.702	12.964
600m	Treas	12¾%	1992	89⅛	•+2⅛	14.308	14.540
1100m	Treas	12½%	1993	86⅛	•+2⅛	14.392	14.631
600m	Fund	6%	1993	53⅛	+1½	11.716	13.379
600m	Treas	14½%	1994	102⅛	+2⅛	14.318	14.442
900m	Treas	9%	1994	69⅛	+2⅛	13.424	14.083
41m	Redmptn	3%	1986-96	32⅛	+1	9.261	12.148
219m	Gas	3%	1990-95	33⅛	+1	9.073	12.252
800m	Treas	12¾%	1995	89⅞	+2⅛	14.338	14.701
400m	Treas	9%	1992-96	69⅛	+2⅛	13.584	14.152
600m	Treas	15¼%	1996	103⅛	+2⅛	15.112	15.113
500m	Exch	13¼%	1996	92⅛	+2⅛	14.673	14.759
1500m	Treas	13¼%	1997	89⅛	•+2⅛	14.881	14.797
400m	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	52⅛	+1½	13.245	14.042
600m	Treas	15½%	1998	106⅛	+2⅛	15.128	15.101
800m	Treas	8¾%	1997	67⅛	+2⅛	13.673	14.176
600m	Treas	9½%	1999	68⅛	•+2⅛	13.902	14.246
443m	Fund	3½%	1999-04	29½	•+⅛	12.253	13.271
600m	Treas	8%	2002-06	59	+1½	14.069	14.240
908m	Treas	5½%	2008-12	41⅛	+1⅛	13.773	13.944
600m	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	54½	•+1⅛	14.129	14.194
275m	Consols	4%		27½	•+⅛	14.419	..
1909m	War Ln	3½%		26½	+⅛	13.404	..
275m	Conv	3½%		27⅛	+⅛	13.130	..
56m	Treas	3%		21	+½	14.854	..
276m	Consols	2½%		17⅛	+⅛	14.115	..
452m	Treas	2½%	Aft 75	17⅛	+½	14.767	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock outstanding £	Stock			Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
12m	Aust	5½%	76-79	92½	+⅛	5.996	11.306
22m	Aust	5½%	77-80	80½	+1⅛	6.822	13.735
20m	Aust	5½%	81-82	71	+1½	7.910	13.397
10m	Aust	6%	81-83	66½	+1½	9.094	13.841
14m	Aust	7%	79-81	76½	+1	9.191	14.221
—	Berlin	4½%	Ass	93	..	..	..
—	Chilean Mixed			90	..	..	..
4m	E Africa	5¾%	77-83	62	+1	9.312	15.347
—	German	4½%	1930	197	..	..	..
—	Hungary	4½%	1924	32½	+1	..	..

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
11.3m	AAH	163	+11	16.9	10.4	6.3
1,963,000	AB Electronic	50	+3	7.0	11.6	6.1
560,000	AC Cars	23	..	1.4	4.8	8.2
2,011,000	AGB Research	13	+1	3.0	9.2	3.4
32.1m	APV Hldgs	275	+5	15.7	5.7	7.2
10.5m	AVP Ind	55	+3	4.0	7.3	4.9
8,740,000	Aaronson Bros	45	+3	2.6	5.7	11.9
384,000	Abrasives Int	16	..	2.2b	13.4	..
1,072,000	Acrow	67	+1	3.4	5.1	10.6
33.3m	Do A	61	+4	3.4	5.6	9.6
4,093,000	Adams Food	24	..	1.8	7.4	8.9
2,399,000	Adda Int	13½	+½	..e	..	1.6
9,953,000	Adwest Group	143	..	10.7	7.5	5.5
544,000	Aeron't & Gen.	34	+1	3.1	9.2	13.9
11.3m	Airfix Ind	44	+3	4.4b	10.0	5.7
99.8m	Albright & W	85	+4	6.0a	7.1	6.3
5,600,000	Alcan 10½%	£70	+1	1050	15.0	..
8,520,000	Do 9% Cnv	£71	–1	900	12.7	..
11.2m	Alginate Ind	206	..	19.2a	9.3	10.1
9,400,000	Allen E. Balfour	48	+7	6.7	13.9	4.4
652,000	Allen W. G.	28	..	3.9	13.9	3.2
20.4m	Allied Colloids	138	..	7.0	5.1	13.9
3,960,000	Allied Insulators	44	+2	5.4b	12.2	9.4
750,000	Allied Plant	15	..	1.1	7.3	3.5
4,278,000	Allied Polymer	23	+4	6.8b	29.6	..
6,468,000	Allied Retailers	82	..	7.4	9.1	4.3
2,050,000	Alpine Hldgs	20½	+2	3.0	14.6	6.2
14.4m	Amal Metal	230	+22	19.8	8.6	7.1
5,865,000	Amal Power	57	–1	5.3	9.2	7.3
2,725,000	Amber Day	22½	+1	2.7	11.9	5.0
208,000	Amber Ind Hldgs	8	..	0.7	8.5	2.8
1,125,000	Anchor Chem	46	+5	5.7	12.3	..
10.7m	Anderson Strath	34	•–½	3.9	11.5	5.8
4,038,000	Andre Silentbloc	42	+2	2.6	6.1	10.1
3,340,000	Anglo Am Asph	73	–3	3.7	5.1	7.2
120.7m	Anglo Amer Ind	430	..	41.6	9.3	4.6
370,000	Ang Swiss Hldgs	22	..	..e	..	..
221,000	Anglowest	9	..	..e	..	..
2,834,000	Appleyard	52	+1	6.9	13.0	6.5
3,268,000	Aquascutum 'A'	19½	+1	1.9	9.9	6.5
2,006,000	Arlington Mtr	61	•+1	10.0	16.4	3.6
8,370,000	Armitage Shanks	40	+3	6.5	16.2	6.1
18.0m	Armst Equip	39	..	2.8	7.2	7.7
3,968,000	Ash & Lacy	98	+6	9.1b	9.3	6.5
256,000	Ash Spinning	32	..	4.8	15.0	2.2
112,000	Asprey 8½% Pf	45	+1	6.0	13.3	..
22.2m	Ass Biscuit	65	–3	4.4	6.7	5.9
5,052,000	Do A	63	+2	4.4	6.9	5.7
179.7m	Ass Brit Food	51	+4	2.8	5.6	6.0
78.2m	Ass Engineer	85½	•+1½	7.1n	8.3	6.3
6,327,000	Ass Fisheries	36	..	0.2e	0.7	..
7,018,000	Ass Leisure	27	+½	3.9	14.4	7.8
39.5m	Ass News	130	+2	7.4	5.7	10.8
1,884,000	Ass Paper	21	+1	2.0	9.5	..
133.9m	Ass Port Cement	153	–7	12.1	7.9	6.1
38.4m	Ass Tel 'A'	60	+5	6.3	10.5	9.1
454,000	Ass Tooling	26	•–1	3.3	12.8	4.6

C—D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,513,000	Courtney Pope	31	..	3.0	9.6	6.0
3,390,000	C'wan de Groot	33	+1	2.6	7.9	5.9
3,135,000	Cowie T.	27½	..	2.2	8.0	7.1
3,858,000	Crane Fruehauf	25	+1	3.3a	13.3	5.8
772,000	Crellon Hldgs	15	..	1.4	9.3	4.7
3,414,000	Crest Nicholson	32	+4	3.6	11.3	10.6
46.6m	Croda Int	47	+4	2.8	6.0	9.5
778,000	Cronite Grp	27	..	3.7	13.8	8.4
432,000	Cropper J.	27	+4	0.4	1.4	..
829,000	Crosby Hse	106	..	14.4	13.6	..
1,520,000	Crossland R.	19	+2	1.8	9.3	7.7
3,096,000	Crossley Bldg	46	+3	6.2	13.4	5.2
4,732,000	Crouch D.	49	+1	5.1	10.4	13.1
1,090,000	Crouch Grp	27	+4	3.8	14.2	4.2
6,956,000	Crown House	47	•+1	6.5	13.7	7.1
1,080,000	Crowther J.	30	..	0.8e	2.8	..
1,008,000	Culter Guard	13½	..	..e	..	..
4,674,000	Cum'ns En Cv	£100	–2	375	3.6	..
137.0m	Cutler Hammer	£32½	–⅛	101	3.1	15.2
8,501,000	Dale Electric	129	+6½	7.2	5.6	8.5
1,691,000	Danish Bacon 'A'	122	+10	10.4b	8.5	3.7
685,000	Dartmouth Inv	8½	+½	1.1	13.1	4.8
3,477,000	Davies & New	79	..	10.4	13.1	6.3
3,740,000	Davis G.	31	+3	4.2	13.5	6.8
45.4m	Davy Int	157	+11	10.0	9.6	8.4
1,793,000	Dawson J.	49	..	6.8b	13.9	8.6
90.8m	De Beers Ind	370	+10	42.2b	11.4	7.6
417,000	Deanson Hldgs	21	•..	2.9	13.9	8.0
71.1m	Debenhams	71	+2	6.6	9.3	8.8
42.5m	De La Rue	246	+9	18.3	7.5	9.4
18.4m	Decca	255	+8	14.7	5.8	9.8
28.3m	Do A	245	+7	14.7	6.0	9.4
65.4m	Delta Metal	49	+3	6.3	12.8	30.1
3,224,000	Denbyware	75	–1	8.3	11.1	9.8
9,308,000	De Vere Hotels	83	+1	6.1	7.4	21.1
2,848,000	Dew G.	70	+3	7.7	11.0	4.3
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News. 5.55, Reporting England. 6.20, Nationwide.
Ask the Family.
Poldark.
Panorama: The Hard Sell.
News.
Film: The Ballad of Cable Hogue, with Jason Robards, Stella Stevens, David Warner.
Tonight, including Michael Foot on his life and politics.
Weather.

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ALES: 1.45-2.00 pm, Pili 5-6.20, Wales Today. 6.50-eddiw. SCOTLAND: 5.55-m, Reporting Scotland. .55, Public Account. RN IRELAND: 3.53-3.55 thern Ireland News. 5.55-ene Around Six.

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
4.00-4.25 pm, Signs of Trouble.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Wordpower, part 1: Ways of Saying.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 The Master Game, chess tournament.
8.15 Bob Hope World of Comedy.
9.00 Eleanor Marx, serial, part 1: Tussy.
10.00 The Age of Uncertainty. John Kenneth Galbraith on the rise and crisis of industrial society, part 1: The Prophets and Promise of Classical Capitalism.
10.55 Poems and Pints.
11.25 News.
11.35-11.40, Hugh Burden reads A Ballad for Katherine of Aragon, by Charles Causley.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25 Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Out of Town. 2.30, Garnock Way. 2.55 The Zoo Gang. 3.50, Thames. 4.45, The Georgian House. 5.15 Muppet. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report West. 6.22, Report Wales. 6.45, Thames. 10.35-12.15 am, Film, Lee Van Cleef, Carroll Baker and Stuart Whitman in Captain Apache. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 2.00-2.30, Hamdden. 6.00-6.22, Y Dydd. 8.30-9.00, Yr Wythnos. HTV west.—as HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.22-6.45, Report West.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Out of Town. 1.00, News. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Film, The Hands of Cormac Joyce, with Stephen Boyd. 3.50, Thames. 4.20, Romper Room. 4.45, Thames. 5.15, Run, Joe, Run. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Film, Quick Before It Melts, with George Maharis, Robert Morse. 12.20 am, Women Who Matter.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Kodiak. 1.00, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Film: The Green Man, with Alastair Sim and George Cole.* 3.50, Harriet. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Lifestyle. 11.00-12.05 am, Film: Freedom to Die, with Paul Maxwell, Felicity Young.*

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Film: The Ghost Goes West, with Robert Donat, Jean Parker, Eugene Pallete, Elsa Lanchester. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Garnock Way. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Mary Tyler Moore. 6.30, Reports. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Monday Night. 10.35-12.15 am, Film: The Frozen Dead, with Dana Andrews, Anna Palk.

Thames

12.00, And Maisy Too. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Wish You Were Here (r). 1.00, News. 1.20, Today's Post. 1.30, Heart to Heart. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.25, Film: Troubled Waters, with Tab Hunter.* 3.50, Emmerdale Farm. 4.20, Clapperboard. 4.45, Children of the Stones. 5.15, Batman (r).
5.45 News. 6.00, Today.
6.45 Opportunity Knocks!
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 The Cuckoo Waltz.
8.30 World in Action.
9.00 Charlie's Angels.
10.00 News.
10.30 McMillan and Wife.
12.15 am Second Time.
12.25 Reading.

(r) Repeat.
* Black and white.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, ATV 1.20, Take Kerr. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Film. Peter Vaughan in Smokescreen.* 3.35, The Master Chefs. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Muppet. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Phyllis. 11.00, Reports Politics. 11.30-12.30 am, Spyforce.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Kreskin. 1.00, News. 1.20, ATV. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Hawkins. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Survival. 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Two's Company. 11.00, Platform for Today. 11.45, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home (r). 12.15 am, Geoffrey Tucker.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, The Taste of the South. 1.00, News. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30 Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Columbo. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Garnock Way. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, Wish You Were Here? 11.00, Phyllis. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, If You Are Alone Stay Switched On. 11.45, Farm Progress (r). 12.10 am, Weather.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.25, Banacek. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, David Niven's World. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.20, Sports Desk. 6.45, Thames. 10.30, The Roast Beef of Old England. 11.00, Westward News. 11.03, The Collaborators. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Colin Berry.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Paul Burnett. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, You've Got to be Joking. 7.30, Alan Dell. 9.02, Humphrey Lyttelton. 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Star Sound. 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray. (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 1.50 pm, Sports Desk. 2.02, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.02, Michael Merch (1500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Mozart, Haydn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Berlioz, Bizet, Franck.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Beethoven.† 9.45, Talking About Music.† 10.15, Voice and Harpsichord: Purcell, Humfrey, Blow, Haydn, Tippett.† 11.05, Concert, part 1: Ravel, Paganini.† 12.00, Reading. 12.10 pm, Concert, part 2: Sibelius.† 1.00, News. 1.05, BBC Lunchtime Concert: Verdi, Beethoven.† 2.00, Matinee Musicale.† 3.00, London Organ Week 1976: Bach.† 3.50, Music-making from Belfast: Tate, Schubert, Milhaud.† 4.55, Bandstand.† 5.25, Atarah's Music Box.† 5.45, Homeward bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward bound (continued). 6.30, States of Mind. 7.00, In and Out of School. 7.30, BBC Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Mozart.† 8.00, European Connexions, talk. 8.20, Concert, part 3: Beethoven.† 8.55, The Little Professor, poetry. 9.20, Sibelius.† 9.35, Lieder Without the Language Barrier: Schubert, Schumann, Wolf, Brahms.† 10.20, Historic Performances: Busch Quartet play Beethoven. 10.55, Jazz. Stan Tracey Octet.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, James Cameron. 9.00, News. 9.05, Desmond Wilcox. 10.00, News. 10.05, Wildlife. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Any Questions? 11.50, Announcements. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Aaros in Winter. 4.35, Story: Rendezvous with Rama, by Arthur C. Clarke, part 1. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Hello Cheeky. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.05, The World in Focus. 7.30, Do or Die. 8.00, Play: A Corridor of Mirrors. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Captain's Doll. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

KNIGHT.—On January 8th at Queen Charlotte's, to Rona (née Geddes) and Julian—a daughter.

KNIGHT.—To Sabiha and Andrew—a daughter (Amaryllis Salima Bower).

MERSON.—On January 8th in Sydney, Australia, to Gwynedd (née Duncan-Jones) and John Merson—a daughter (Emily Mary).

WOOD.—On 3rd January, at Kota Kinabalu, to Liz (née Grimwade) and Chris—a daughter (Alice Margaret).

BIRTHDAY

K.I.D. Much love from us all on your 90th birthday. BME.

MARRIAGES

BLACK : HILL.—On January 1st, in London, Philip, only son of the late Mr Solly Black, and Mrs Norah Black, of 97 Home Park Road, Wimbledon, to Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. W. R. Hill, East House, Forest Moor Road, Knaresborough.

CENTNER : LEATHERS.—On Jan. 7th, 1977, in Johannesburg, Arthur Sydney Centner, only son of Mr. Harry and the late Mrs. Centner, of Johannesburg, to Anne Catherine, elder daughter of the Viscount and Viscountess Leathers, of Hills Green, Kirdford, Sussex.

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RUBY WEDDING

FANE DE SALIS : WELCH.—At St. Mary's, Wargrave, on 9th January, 1937, by Bishop C. Fane De Salis, Arthur Fane De Salis to Nancy Mary Welch.

DEATHS

ANDERSON.—On 8th January, 1977, Evelyn, peacefully at 10 Templars Ave., N.W.11. Cremation at Golders Green (West Chapel), on Wednesday, January 12, at 12 noon. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 199 Sloane St., S.W.1.

ARMITAGE.—On 4th January, 1977, Captain F. C., peacefully in his 87th year, of 20 High Town Road, Maidenhead. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Maidenhead, 2 p.m., Thursday, January 13. Cremation 3 p.m. at Slough. No flowers.

BEAUSIRE.—On January 7th, Winifred Adela, peacefully at her home, Nash Court Farmhouse, Marnhull, last surviving child of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Beausire, Noctorum, Birkenhead. Family flowers only. Gifts for Marnhull Church Bells Fund would be appreciated, c/o Mr. G. Salmon, Treasurer, 1 Ashley Rd., Marnhull, Dorset.

BOXER.—On January 8th, Mrs Cayley Mann Boxer, widow of H. S. Boxer, at her home in Bushey Heath.

DEATHS

BRACKSTONE.—On 5th January, suddenly, Charles Brackstone, beloved husband of Betty and father of Amanda and Tony, for 30 years a valued and respected Senior Legal Executive with Theodore Goddard & Co.

BRENNAN.—On 21st December, John Martin, beloved husband of Catherine and dearly loved father of John, James, Patricia, Kathleen, Joseph, Daniel, Julia, and Theresa. Funeral took place quietly on 30th December, 1976.

BROWNE.—On Jan. 5th, Margaret Dorothea, daughter of the late Canon Henry Browne. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Wimbledon, on Friday, Jan. 14th, at 11 a.m. Followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery, at 11.45. Flowers to Fredk. W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

DE BUTTS.—On 7th January, *peacefully at the Old Vicarage, Great Gaddesden*, Brigadier Frederick Cromie De Butts, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., aged 88 years, beloved husband of Sybil. Funeral 12 noon on Thursday, 13th January, Great Gaddesden Church. No formal flowers.

FREND.—On 8th January, after a long illness, accepted with gentle fortitude, Charles, dearly loved husband of Sonia. He bequeathed his body to medical research and by his wish there will be no memorial service.

GOODING.—On 6th January, suddenly, at home, Suzanne Andrée Françoise, for 60 years dear wife of Arthur Gerald Gooding (Augustus), loved mother of Suzanne, George and Jean, née Morthy, and grandmother of Robert. Service at Croydon Crematorium on Thursday, 13th January, at 2.15 p.m. No flowers, at her request, but if wished donations to Church of the Holy Family, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

HINCHCLIFF.—On Jan. 6, 1976, peacefully, in Guy's Hospital, after a long illness, borne with great courage, John Douglas Hinchcliff, O.B.E., B.Sc. (Eng.), aged 62 years, of New Place, Castle Yard, Eynsford, Kent, beloved husband of Enid. Funeral service at St. Martin's Church, Eynsford, on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation. No flowers, please. Inquiries to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54457.

HOPKIN.—On 8th January, 1977, peacefully in hospital, Stanley Richard, aged 67 years, beloved husband of Jenny Hopkin, of 31 Egremont Street, Ely, and dear father of Pamela and Rosemary. Service at Ely Cathedral on Thursday, 13th January, at 12 noon, followed by interment in Ely Cemetery. Flowers to The Wayman Funeral Service, Ely.

JOEL.—On 8th January, 1977, at The Old Vicarage Nursing Home, Moulsford, near Reading, Edwin John, aged 85 years. Funeral on Thursday, 13th January. Service, Oxford Crematorium, 1.30 p.m. Memorial service at Worlingworth, Suffolk, later. Flowers, please, to Worlingworth.

JOHNSON-GILBERT.—On 8th Jan., *in her 84th year, at Claygate*, Surrey, Rosalind, widow of Sir Ian Johnson-Gilbert, much loved by all her family. Cremation private. No flowers.

KOK.—On January 7th, 1977, at Oxford, in her 81st year, Johanna Petronella Kok, of 5 Queens Road, Cheltenham, and formerly of Addison Avenue, London, W.11, after a long illness borne with great fortitude and dignity. A private service will be held at Kettering Crematorium. No flowers, please, but if desired, donations may be sent to Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

LOYD.—On January 7th, 1977, suddenly, Edward Percy Canning, of Cadogan Square, husband of June. Cremation private.

MUNSON.—On Jan. 6, Arthur John (Jack), of White Ridge, Vicarage Lane, Chigwell, passed peacefully away at Whipps Cross Hospital. Funeral Friday, Jan 14, at 2.10 p.m. at City of London Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Intensive Care Unit, Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, E.11.

RIDEHALGH.—On January 7th, 1977, at his home, Wootton Close Cottage, Boars Hill, Oxford, Dr. Frank Ridehalgh, loved husband of Mollie, father of John, Anna, and Martin. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday, January 12th, 1977, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but, if desired, donations to British Thoracic and Tuberculosis Association Research Fund, 30 Britten Street, London, S.W.3.

SANDES.—On January 6, Lieutenant-Colonel John Drummond Sandes, M.D., F.R.C.P., I.M.S. (Retired), late Professor of Medicine, Medical College, Calcutta, of 23 Eresby House, Rutland Gate, S.W.7, in his 94th year. Funeral private. Memorial service January 17, 3 p.m., St. Columba, Pont Street.

SHELTON.—On December 28, Dr Kathleen Shelton, aged 81 years, formerly of Herne Hill Rd., S. London, and recently of 10 Lonsdale Road, Bournemouth.

SHORES.—On 6th January, very suddenly, at Hornsea Cottage Hospital, Violet (Vee), dear wife of Charles and mother of Sandra and Christopher. Cremation Tuesday.

SMITH.—On January 8th, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie Falson Longfellow (Pat), wife of the late S. B. Smith. Deeply mourned by her children and her grand children.

STAPLEDON.—On January 7th, 1977, peacefully in her sleep at her home at Littleham, North Devon, Marjorie Winifred, beloved wife of the late Sir Robert Stapledon. Funeral service at North Devon Crematorium, Barnstaple on Tuesday, January 11th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

SUTTON.—On January 7th, Aileen, widow of Lt.-Colonel F. H. Sutton, 11th Hussars, P.A.O. Funeral Kingston Langley 12 noon, Tuesday, January 11th. No letters.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARCLAY.—The Memorial Service *for John Barclay*, Account Director of Leo Burnett Ltd., will be held at 12.30 pm on Thursday, January 13th, at St. Martins-in-the-Field Church, London WC2.

BUCKMASTER.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Joan Viscountess Buckmaster will be held at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th January at St. Michaels, Chester Square, S.W.1.

CALVERT-JONES.—A thanksgiving service for Major General P. G. Calvert-Jones, CB, CBE, DSO, MC, will be held in St. James Church, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 15th January, 1977.

IN MEMORIAM

CROXTON, ARTHUR.—In ever loving remembrance.—K.A.

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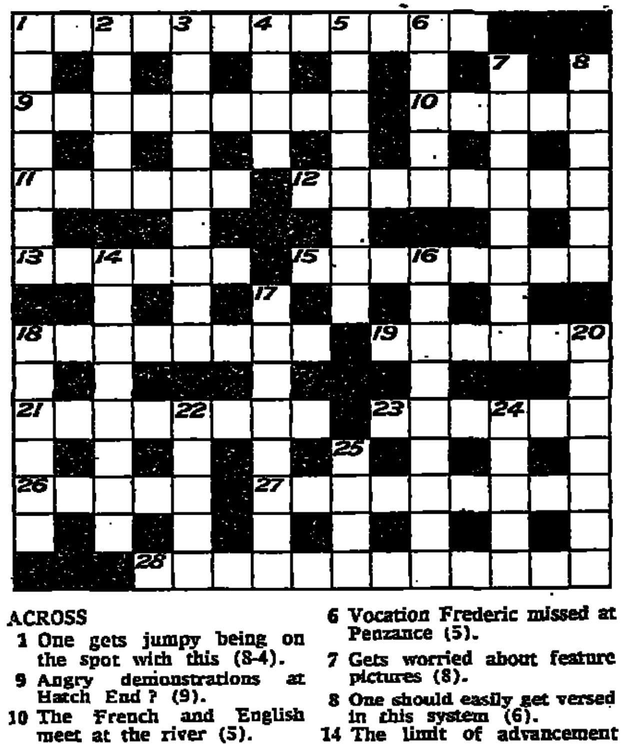

ACROSS

1 One gets jumpy being on the spot with this (8-4).
9 Angry demonstrations at Hatch End ? (9).
10 The French and English meet at the river (5).
11 Writer whose quarters include bed for baby (6).
12 Alias Arrowsmith (8).
13 He doesn't mind getting in a hole, especially if a golfer ! (6).
15 One device the elephant trainer shouldn't need (8).
18 This year could produce wild excitement (8).
19 One's in the Opposition, from what we hear (6).
21 Huge deficiency in some fuel (8).
23 "Beware the pine-tree's withered ——" (Longfellow) (6).
26 Of sound quality (5).
27 A cheat at cards ? (9).
28 Slogans such as "Stop thief" and "A fair cop" ? (5-7).

DOWN

1 Undertaker at a christening ? (7).
2 The last thing to do to Polonius (5).
3 Bob hangs on to this (5-4).
4 Head witness lacks sense (4).
5 Girl named in a Lords amendment (8).
6 Vocation Frederic missed at Penzance (5).
7 Gets worried about feature pictures (8).
8 One should easily get versed in this system (6).
14 The limit of advancement in service (8).
16 No astronaut, but seemed crazy about lunar research ! (9).
17 A long boat, grotesque and huge (8).
18 She commended the witches in Macbeth (6).
20 Fields of activity for all-rounders ? (7).
22 Tonic for vocalists (3-2).
24 Money in music ? (5).
25 Hidden in the straw is probably this (4).

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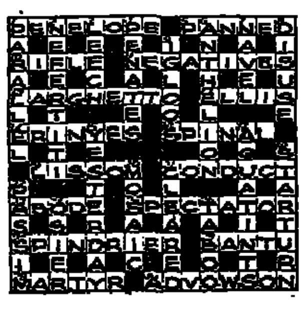

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TERRY, FLORENCE (née Page), M.A., Lecturer, Bedford College University of London, 1914 to 1947. In loving memory of her work and devotion, January 9th, 1948.

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